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ANGELO ROSSI MUST GO!

(STATEMENT OF THE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON THE ATHERTON REPORT.)

THE REPORT OF EDWIN N. ATHERTON, COVERING HIS YEAR'S INVESTIGATION OF POLICE GRAFT AND CORRUPTION IN SAN FRANCISCO, REVEALS A SITUATION THAT IS GENUINELY ALARMING TO EVERY HONEST MAN AND WOMAN IN THIS CITY, AND ESTABLISHES OUR CITY ADMINISTRATION AS ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDINGLY ROTTEN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES.

SPREAD LIKE A DISEASE

DESPITE THE DELIBERATE, CONSCIOUS SABOTAGE AND LACK OF COOPERATION ON THE PART OF MAYOR ROSSI AND THE POLICE COMMISSION, ATHERTON HAS SECURED FACTS PROVING THE EXISTENCE OF A CITY-WIDE NETWORK OF GRAFT AND BRIBERY, BASED ON "PROTECTION" OF HOUSES OF PROSTITUTION, ILLEGAL GAMBLING, LOTTERIES, BOOK-MAKING, SHAKEDOWNS, AND OTHER DANGEROUS AND INSIDIOUS RACKETS.

LIKE A DREAM, THIS CORRUPTION HAS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, SANCTIONED AND EVEN PARTICIPATED IN BY MEMBERS OF THE POLICE COMMISSION AND OTHER LOCAL FIGURES WHO ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE POLITICAL MACHINE CONTROLLING SAN FRANCISCO.

Not only have individuals built up a regular income from such sources, but political groupings have even used the police force to extort money from vice dens

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CONTRA COSTA TELLS GREEN QUASH ORDER





SWEEPING THE COUNTRY. The strike wave and the demand for organization has hit every nook and cranny of the nation. Here are a few scenes from the great strike wave sweeping the United States. Barbara Hutton, 5 and 10 cents princess, laughed her way around the world, but the laugh goes to the Woolworth 5 and 10 sales girls, shown above at left during their sit-down strike in Detroit. They won wage increases, as did the Rhode Island Teamsters, shown at right stopping a scab chauffeur at the Rhode Island-Massachusetts state line.

LABOR ROUSED BY REPORT OF S. F. GRAFTING

Mayor Rossi - Quinn Machine Deeply Involved

Appointment of Frank C. Sykes to succeed Thomas E. Shumate as police commissioner was the appointment of a member of the state board of prison directors, whose record has been anti-labor consistently. Shumate, who admitted his financial indebtedness to Pete McDonough, bail broker, resigned when the Atherton report made things too hot for him.

SAN FRANCISCO—Shades of Boss Tweed and the Tammany Hall graft scandal of the last century settled around San Francisco's City Hall last Tuesday, enveloping Mayor Rossi, Police Chief Quinn, Police Commissioners Roche and Shumate, and also the "power behind the throne," McDonough Bros., bail bond brokers.

It was last Tuesday that Edwin N. Atherton, chief police graft investigator, deposited his report on the investigation of graft in San Francisco on the doorstep of District Attorney Matt Brady and the grand jury.

More Probing Needed

Amid paragraph after paragraph of the report describing the ramifications of graft estimated to go far beyond $1,000,000 a year, and also the attempts made by Quinn, the Police Commission and Rossi to stifle the investigation, labor fixed its eyes on one particular paragraph

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"Why, the Dirty Communist!"



CIO SIGNS UP BIG ELECTRIC, STEEL CORPS.

Takes First Steps In Organizing Rubber Industry, L.A.

RICHMOND—In a brief but pithy resolution, the Contra Costa County Central Labor Council last Wednesday night demanded that William Green and the AFL Executive Council rescind all letters it has sent out which declare the CIO dual unions or which "hint or actually call for expulsion of the CIO unions."

File Green Letter

Just prior to this, the Council had voted to file Green's letter which declared the CIO union outlaw and which threatened expulsion of these unions from all city central and state labor bodies.

The vote to file the Green letter was unanimous except for Russ Roberts of the Martinez Painters and George Wiese of the Carpenters 2046. These two walked out of the Council as a result of the vote. The resolution to Green on rescinding the letters was unanimously adopted.

The resolution reads:

WHEREAS: A united labor movement is most essential at the present time, in order to facilitate the task of organizing the unorganized of this country, and

WHEREAS: The employers of this country are strongly united in order to crush the trade unions, and

WHEREAS: Any hint, threat, or actual move to expel any trade union group from any American Federation of Labor body would only serve to divide the ranks of organized labor, and

WHEREAS: Both threats and actual moves to expel CIO locals from AFL bodies have been made by the Executive Council, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this council calls on William Green and the AFL Executive Council to rescind all letters it has sent out, which declare the CIO unions as dual unions, or which hint at or actually call for expulsion of the CIO unions.

Wiese, Carpenters Business Agent, announced that his union would leave the council.

OTHER CIO DEVELOPMENTS:

Westinghouse Electric, the "uncrackable," has recognized the CIO United Electrical and Radio Workers' Union.

The CIO has signed an agreement with the five main companies of U. S. Steel Corp., affecting 200,000 workers, granting recognition of the Amalgamated Iron, Steel and Tin Workers' Assn.

First CIO step in organizing Los Angeles rubber industry came with filing of discrimination complaint by United Rubber Workers.

General wage increases in Texas oil fields and refineries by all major companies followed announcement of CIO oil drive.

Redwood City organizational meeting called by CIO United Electrical and Radio Workers' Union.

CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Union begins organization drive of 1000 on Parker Dam, near the Arizona border of California.

SPAIN GOV'T STOPS HUGE 'REBEL' PUSH

Italian Troops Fall Back Under Blows Of Loyalists

MADRID—With the Italian anti-Fascist Garibaldi Brigade in the vanguard of the attack, Spanish government forces recaptured Brihuega.

DAKAR, Senegal, West Africa—Forces loyal to the Spanish government in the Spanish colony of Rio de Oro are reported to have revolted and captured the capital, Villa Cirneros from supporters of the Fascist Franco.

MADRID—The counter-offensive of government troops against the "big push" of Fascism has again put the Fascists on the defensive despite more than 100,000 Italian troops estimated by impartial sources to be fighting in Spain.

Government troops under the Central Front command of General Jose Miaja followed up the victory by which they stopped the Italian offensive at Guadalajara. With the militia staunchly holding up in the face of superior numbers, government artil-

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YUBA FARMERS DEFEND RIGHTS

Fight Mining Companies to Prevent Floods

MARYSVILLE.—Yuba County poor farmers have taken steps to file an injunction against reckless pollution of streams by dragline gold mining companies.

President Fallon of the Yuba County Farm Bureau said the farmers have retained attorneys to prepare the injunction.

The farmers contend that Honcut Creek is filling with debris from the draglins operations, destroying farmlands and threatening future floods.

The Yuba Chamber of Commerce and Board of Supervisors are backing the mining companies against the farmers.

Northwest Timber Strike Starts

SEATTLE — Thousands of workers are already out on strike in the Northwest lumber industry in a general strike movement which is expected to affect close to 85,000 members of the Sawmill and Lumber Workers' Union from British Columbia to California.

The strike movement has begun as a result of employers' refusal to grant a 10 cents an hour wage increase demanded by the Woodworkers Federation of the Pacific.

Indicted 350 Vow Drive In Aircraft

Douglas Sit-Downers Pledge to Make Southern California Plants Closed Shops

LOS ANGELES—Pleading not guilty to indictments charging conspiracy, nearly 350 recent Douglas Aircraft sit-down strikers have been ordered to trial April 26, at 10 a. m., by Superior Judge Emmett H. Wilson.

Working hand in glove with Fitts' deputies, Judge Wilson cut short union attorney John Packard's argument to dismiss the charges against the workers when he concurred with arguments of district attorneys based on new indictments obtained from the grand jury after the old ones had been shown by union attorneys to be rift with errors.

Drive to Continue

Meanwhile, ex-sit-downers continued to register at the Douglas plant in Santa Monica for return to work, following their considerable victory in the 18-day strike.

Openly stating their intention to continue organizing the non-union Douglas workers, many of the men under indictment have expressed the belief that within a comparatively short time, and in spite of every conceivable tactic of intimidation by company officials and legal authorities, the aircraft industry in

VIGILANTES IN SIERRA FAILURE AGAINST C. I. O.

Lumber Workers Signing Up Despite Kidnaping

LOYALTON, Sierra County.—The lumber corporations ruling this county are due for a sad awakening, if they think that the vigilante acts they are encouraging can stop CIO organization of the lumber workers.

Organizer Kidnaped

CIO efforts to organize employees of the powerful Clover Valley Lumber Co. and of the Calpine Lumber Co. in Calpine have aroused the desperation of the lumber barons, and Henry Jewison, CIO organizer, reveals that a vigilante band kidnaped him last week-end and took him over the California-Nevada line, ordering him not to return. Jewison returned.

Organizers charged the Clover Valley Co. has discharged 68 employees for signing up with the CIO.

3 Mateo Unions OK Labor Party Idea

SAN MATEO — Meeting in joint session, the Lathers, Plasterers and Hodcarriers Unions have come to the conclusion that the time has arrived for independent political action in the municipal elections.

Although the action came too late to file a labor candidate for City Councilman, the unions nevertheless called on the Central Labor and Building Trades Councils to call a conference in the immediate future for the purpose of formulating a progressive labor political program.

This program would be sent to all candidates for endorsement.

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Plot Against East Bay C.P. Nominee

OAKLAND—Fearing popular resentment against Harry G. Williams, incumbent auditor, and trying to eliminate his sole opponent in the municipal election here April 20, the Michael Kelly Republican machine filed suit in Supreme Court in San Francisco last Tuesday, trying to eliminate David Adams, Communist candidate, from the ballot.

The suit was a petition for a writ of mandate to prevent City Clerk W. W. Chappell, Oakland, from having Adams' name put on the ballot, claiming that Adams' real name is Axelrod. State election laws do not state that a candidate must run for office under his birth name.

Rap Butte County School Firetraps

PARADISE, Butte County—Residents here are attacking the Board of Education because it has allowed intolerable conditions in the Paradise schools.

They cited "fire trap buildings, so poorly heated that pupils must wear overcoats during classes." The Paradise American Legion post joined the attack.

Curbing Supreme Ct.

SAN FRANCISCO—While the Senate judiciary committee continued hearings in Washington on the President's proposals to curtail the Supreme Court's usurped powers, the California People's Legislative Conference carried forward plans for a people's meeting here in support of curbing the "nine old men."

The meeting will be held at Scottish Rite Auditorium on March 31, 8 p. m.

NEW MOVES FOR MOONEY, SACTO & WASHINGTON

President and Calif. Governor Are Both Urged To Act

WASHINGTON — Already signed by more than 50 representatives and Senators, petitions asking a presidential pardon for Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings are being circulated in Congress.

New Calif. Moves

SACRAMENTO — The Senate defeat of the Mooney legislative pardon resolution has not halted those fighting for Mooney's freedom. A new resolution, this time urging Gov. Merriam to pardon Mooney, has been introduced by Assemblyman Ritchie, San Diego.

In the Senate, a movement calling on Governor Merriam to commute Mooney's sentence immediately has been started by Senator McGovern of San Francisco. Many of the Senators stated they refused to vote for the legislative pardon because they thought it unconstitutional, but stated that they would support a move for commutation.

ORE. REPEALS ITS C. S. LAW

Follows Reversal of De Jonge Conviction

SALEM, Ore.—This state repealed its criminal syndicalism law when Gov. Charles Martin signed a repeal measure which recently passed both houses of the Oregon legislature by wide majorities.

Washington also recently repealed its C. S. Act.

The campaign for repeal of the repressive act has been waged for several years by the American Civil Liberties Union and other organizations. The Oregon State Grange has been a vigorous opponent of the act, and its support did much to speed enactment of repeal.

Recently the U. S. Supreme Court reversed the conviction of a Communist, Dirk DeJonge, under the act, and further discredited the unpopular law.

How Many Can You Answer?

1—What notorious political machine ruled San Francisco from 1902 to 1908?

2—What was the "Dutch Flat Fraud?"

3—Who discovered gold in California some time before the 1848 gold rush?

4—Who first began the development of hydro-electric power in California?

5—When did California's greatest drought occur?

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URGE CAL. FARM LABOR CHARTER

Cal. AFL Executive Board Meets Saturday and Sunday

SAN MATEO—With the executive board of the State Federation meeting next Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22, to consider a state agricultural charter, the San Mateo County Central Labor Council has endorsed a resolution calling on the executive board to grant a state charter.

The council urged it be based on the program adopted by the recent state agricultural conference.

The San Mateo Labor Council also urged the state federation to adequately finance the drive to organize agriculture.

ON STRIKE—From Coast to Coast

The nation-wide wave for higher wages, an expression of the great desire of the unorganized to organize, continued strong as the WESTERN WORKER went to press.

In Detroit the court injunction ordering Chrysler auto sitdowners to evacuate the plant found not a man or woman budging from behind the barricades the strikers had thrown up against the plant gates.

40 Detroit Strikes

Detroit has 40 strikes on at the present moment. They affect auto plants, lumber companies, tobacco factories, stores, teamsters, and laundries.

60,000 are on strike in Chrysler, 10,000 in Hudson auto, 2200 in Reo auto.

Emeryville, in Alameda County, had its first sitdown with 40 workers of the Spirella Corset Co. holding the plant. 35 are women. The strikers whiled away the time by dancing, singing, playing the radio. The

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NEVADA COUNTY VIGILANTES QUIT AFTER PROTEST

Business Men Force Them To Dissolve Committee

GRASS VALLEY.—The protests of business men of Nevada County has forced the disbanding of the vigilante Committee of 5000 which was formed to terrorize the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union in their drive to organize 2000 gold miners. The CIO has 1000 already organized.

The vigilante committee was organized at a recent midnight meeting. It has been dissolved by a vote of its executive committee.

The business men demanded dissolution of the committee, stating that its activity was hurting their business.

Loyle Freeman, president of the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce, said the executive committee had no right to dissolve the committee, and threatened to call another vigilante mass meeting.

Paris Commune Mass Meeting in S.F. Park

SAN FRANCISCO—Under International Labor Defense Auspices, a Paris Commune commemoration mass meeting will be held in Jefferson Park at 1:30 p.m. next Sunday.

The E. Texas Horror

Every Child Killed In Blast Was Child Of an Oil Worker

NEW LONDON, Tex. — The blast that crushed to death 670 pupils in the London Consolidated school left hundreds of working class parents, workers in the East Texas oil fields and their wives tragedy-stricken.

For every child who died in the blast was the child of an oil field worker.

Those killed were either blown through the roof or crushed by the shattered walls. Gas from leaking fuel mains caused the explosion.

Teamsters Fight Frameup In Yuba

MARYSVILLE. — Teamsters' Union leaders of Yuba County have demanded a jury trial, in fighting a frameup attempt against them.

J. A. Landerman, Teamsters business agent, and T. F. Rose, a member, have pleaded not guilty to assaulting Merle Douglas, a non-union driver, and have posted $200 bail bond each.

Complete the Press Drive!

Los Angeles Aims at Quota in Big Frolic

LOS ANGELES—To complete the quota of $5,000 accepted by Los Angeles County in the Western and Daily Worker Press Fund Drive, a "March Frolic and Dance" will be given by the Workers' Press Conference at the Sons of Herman Hall, 120 East 25th Street, Saturday, March 27.

With the amount raised by Los Angeles only $3,200 so far, an additional $1,800 must be raised by the end of the drive which is April 1st. Only three Sections in the County that have gone over their quotas are Centinella Valley, Harbor, and Hollywood.

Planning to surpass all other dances and parties that have been given throughout the Drive, the Workers' Press Conference assures every one that at the March 27th "Frolic," he will have a "swell time, at a swell place, to swell the Workers' Press Fund."

The admission will be 35c.

Ask Punishment of Vigilante Head

SACRAMENTO—The American Civil Liberties Union has asked that disciplinary action be taken against Capt. Jack Schryver of the Sonoma County unit of the state highway patrol for his participation in the tar and feather vigilante mob which kidnaped three progressives in Santa Rosa in August, 1935.

BAY AREA MARITIME COUNCIL, COOKS' UNION ASK GUILD TO PROBE TROTZKYITE B. MAYES

Have Proof He Sabotaged King-Ramsey-Conner Defense; He Made Statements Derogatory To Defense Committee

SAN FRANCISCO—Because the Trotzkyite Barney Mayes, former editor of the Voice of the Federation (organ of the Maritime Federation) has sabotaged the King-Ramsay-Conner Defense, the Marine Cooks and Stewards' Union and the Bay Area Council of the Maritime Federation have both passed resolutions calling on the Northern California Newspaper Guild to conduct an investigation of Mayes.

The resolution follows:

WHEREAS: Barney Mayes, a member of the Northern California Newspaper Guild, on February 28, 1937, at a public meeting made statements deprecatory to the King-Ramsay-Conner Defense Committee, which has been endorsed by the California State Federation of Labor and by organized labor as a whole; and

WHEREAS: As editor of the Voice of the Federation, said Barney Mayes not only failed to cooperate in the campaign to free these men, but definitely attempted to sabotage said campaign; and

Commttee Has Proof

WHEREAS: The King-Ramsay-Conner Defense Committee is prepared to furnish evidence to support these charges; and

WHEREAS: During the period said Barney Mayes has been a member of the Northern California Newspaper Guild he has been accused in resolutions passed by maritime unions of activities detrimental to the interests of organized labor; and

WHEREAS: The interests of the King-Ramsay-Conner Defense Committee are identical with those of organized labor and therefore with those of the Northern California Newspaper Guild; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the King-Ramsay-Conner Defense Committee requests the Northern California Newspaper Guild to conduct an investigation of said Barney Mayes, not only for its own sake, but for the sake of this committee and organized labor as a whole; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to all of the local unions of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast and to the four District Councils of the Federation, and that concurrence in this resolution is hereby requested.

The Northern California Newspaper Guild has appointed an investigation committee, it is reported.

SENATORS OF 2 PARTIES SHOW HATE OF LABOR

Hiram Johnson Joins Democrats, Attack Sitdowns

WASHINGTON — Republican and Democratic Senators alike ganged up on the trade union movement and condemned sitdown strikes.

Democratic Senate leader Robinson, of Arkansas, stated that sitdown strikes are "manifestly unlawful."

A Lesson for Labor

Senator Hiram Johnson of California called the sit-down strike "the most ominous thing in our national economic life."

Senator King of Utah, a Democrat, took the occasion not only to attack sitdowns, but also the CIO.

It was a clear lesson to organized labor on the need for having its own Farmer-Labor Party senators.

Labor Board Says Not for Co. Union

SAN FRANCISCO—The National Labor Relations Board has denied the truth of any implications that it had in any way approved or encouraged the formation of the company union Offshore Licensed Officers' Assn. The latter was formed by Capt. Emil Topp, a former naval lieutenant commander.

A statement by board member Donald W. Smith said:

"About the middle of February it was brought to the attention of the National Labor Relations Board that Capt. Emil Topp had addressed letters to officers of offshore vessels, steamship operators and various trade associations in which he unwarrantedly made it appear the NLRB had indicated its intention to recognize an organization known as the Offshore Licensed Officers' Association.

"As the board suspected there was no basis in fact or otherwise for these statements, on Feb. 18, the board, through its chairman, J. Warren Madden, addressed a communication to Capt. Todd, directing his attention to these misleading statements and asking for a prompt explanation of whatever basis he may have had for such statements."

Labor Hits Pettis For State Post

SACRAMENTO — Representatives of Organized Labor have organized in protest against the proposed appointment of John A. Pettis as chief assistant and legal adviser to State Labor Commissioner Nolan.

Nolan asked the Industrial Accident Commission to name Pettis, despite the fact that the latter was for years an anti-labor lobbyist.

Victory Banquet, Dance, In S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO—San Francisco County Committee of the Communist Party will entertain with a victory banquet and dance Saturday evening at 121 Haight Street, celebrating the conclusion of its drive for $3000 in the Western and Daily Worker campaign.

The banquet will serve as a farewell to Friedman, whose activity in the drive brought him a trip to the Soviet Union, which will take him to the Red Square for May Day.

Prizes will be awarded to units, sections and branches whose work in the drive was outstanding. Admission to dinner and dance will be 50 cents; to the dance alone, 25 cents. Dinner starts at 6 p. m., the dance at 9 p. m.

Spain Govt. Halts Big Fascist Drive

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lery and air forces began a withering barrage behind the Fascist lines in the Fascist-held towns of Brihuega and Siguenza.

Italian Retreat

General Miaja spent an entire day in the Guadalajara sector. Loyalist soldiers reported that Italian troops were definitely falling back and that Government planes had killed at least 1000 Italians.

Attacking the Fascists from a new direction, government troops captured the town of Moranchel, in the mountains 28 miles northeast of Guadalajara.

The Fascists' "big push" had centered in the heavy concentration moving from the Northeast toward the capital. Loyalists not only have met and stopped this attack, but have taken the offensive in the Cordoba province, necessitating the reinforcement of Moorish troops in this vicinity by an additional 8000 Italian troops.

An earlier report that the city of Cordoba was captured by Loyalists was not confirmed by later dispatches which said that the Loyalist offensive is still in the Northern part of Cordoba province, with the Italian reinforcements now attempting a new counter-attack.

Richmond People's Lobby Meet, Apr. 3

RICHMOND.—To carry on the campaign for labor and other important progressive legislation, the newly-formed Contra Costa County People's Legislative Conference will hold a mass meeting here, at Lincoln School on April 3. The mass meeting was postponed from March 19.

The Contra Costa County People's Legislative Conference was born out of a recent conference in which many of the trade unions in the county participated.

HEADS OIL DRIVE



CHARLES P. HOWARD, president of the Intl. Typographical Union, who will be chairman of the CIO Oil Workers' Organizing Committee.

C. COSTA FLAYS SIT - DOWN BILL

Demands Its Legislators Vote Against It

RODEO — Both Oil Workers Local 326 and the Contra Costa Central Labor Council have gone on record in sharp opposition to the Welch sitdown bill, which would make sitdown strikes a misdemeanor instead of a felony.

The Welch bill, now before the legislature, is tricky in that by making sitdowns a misdemeanor, it legally establishes the sitdown strike as a crime. The Contra Costa unions pointed this out in their resolutions and stated that they do not regard sitdowns as any sort of crime.

The Council calls on Senator De Lap and Assemblyman Suwallisch to vote against the bill.

2000 L.A. Cleaners May Strike Apr. 1

LOS ANGELES — More than 2000 Los Angeles union cleaners and dyers may strike April 1 unless demands for a 20 per cent wage increase and a 40-hour week are granted.

The latter demands are included among terms the union proposes for the new agreement. Elimination of "chop sueying," or the practice of shops bringing garments to cleaning plants rather than sending them by union truck drivers is also demanded.

Recognition of the Cleaners' and Dyers' Union by individual shops is another demand.

Alameda Co. Hits Trotzky Fascists

Resolution passed at Alameda County Convention of the Communist Party, Feb. 28th, 1937.

WHEREAS:The Trotzkyites in the Soviet Union have been the spearhead of counter-revolutionary activities, resorting to murder, sabotage, espionage, and treasonable plots with the Fascist enemy for dismembering the Soviet Union and destroying its Socialist victories, and have confessed their acts when confronted with the damning evidence of their guilt; and

Bring Dissension

WHEREAS, The Trotzkyites in every land are taking their logical place alongside the most reactionary forces, working to disrupt the broad movement of the people against Fascism and war, seeking by their mock-revolutionary words to confuse the forces of democracy, progress and peace, and

WHEREAS, in the United States the Trotzkyites, under various disguises, are working to bring dissension and ruin into the great organiational drive in the mass production industries, and to disrupt the emerging Farmer-Labor Party movement, thus playing into the hands of the most reactionary groups in America; and

WHEREAS, In California and in the East Bay the Trotzkyites completely dominate and boss the Socialist Party, and create constant disruption in certain Workers' Alliance locals; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Convention of the Communist Party of Alameda County, held this 28th day of February, 1937, go on record as denouncing and condemning the Trotzkyites, under whatever name they may try to hide, as dangerous enemies of the working class and the people; enemies with whom no compromise is possible; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we undertake as a revolutionary duty to expose all the treacherous, disruptive activities of these Trotzkyites, so that the workers will recognize them as traitors and agents of Fascism and will drive them from all contact with the labor movement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our hearty approval and support of the trials and the sentences by which working class justice disposed of the Trotzkyite terrorists in the Soviet Union.

SLAUGHTER OF CATTLE AGAIN ON IN FRESNO

Poor Farmers Get Little or No Compensation

FRESNO.—Poor farmers are aroused as local authorities have again begun seizing cattle for slaughter, under Fresno County's bovine tuberculosis control ordinance.

No Repayment

The poor farmers do not object to destruction of tubercular cattle, but they have had a long standing grievance of cattle being destroyed even when not diseased. And the poor farmers are either not compensated at all or very poorly repaid for slaughtered cattle.

Twenty-seven head of cattle and two calves were seized by the county Depuyt Sheriff from dairy farmer P. V. Lawrence. Lawrence had first ordered the deputy's party off his farm.

Farmers allege that the tests being made by state and federal authorities are not true or accurate and are not considered infallible.

Mayor Rossi Must Go As SF Mayor!

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in order to carry on their election campaigns.

In face of the evidence presented, we have no assurances that any part of our municipal administration has been kept free of graft to serve the interests of the people honestly. And the growth and development of this vicious system must be laid directly at the doors of the responsible head of our city—Mayor Rossi—under whose very eyes and with whose doubtless connivance, it has increased to even greater proportions! Specific mention has been made in the Atherton report, in fact, pointing to the manner in which Mayor Rossi completely ignored, and even hindered, the investigation.

Citizens of San Francisco must take determined action to purge this city of graft and bribery, to rid it of the shame that a rotten administration has brought.

The resignation of Mayor Rossi and the long-corrupted Police Commission is an immediate and essential condition!

In the event that the Mayor's resignation is not forthcoming, we call upon the people to exercise their constitutional right of recall to oust him from his position!

We call upon the California State Assembly to set up an Assembly Investigating Committee, similar to the Committee organized to make a thorough report of the Modesto Case in Stanislaus County, which will not include any Assemblymen from San Francisco, and which will have complete power to uncover all facts relative to the graft and bribery existing in San Francisco County!

We call upon every citizen of this city, every organization that is concerned with the principles of good government and civic welfare, to join in a unified movement to cleanse San Francisco of graft, corruption and bribery.

Rossi Must Go!

We call upon the Central Labor Council and organized labor as a whole to take a leading part in such a movement. Labor showed its tremendous power in smashing the Anti-Picketing Ordinance on March 9. Labor can go further by leading a people's movement to rid our city of the blight of a corrupt to the core city administration. Mayor Rossi's anti-labor record is well known. A record of this nature goes hand in hand with graft and corruption—a bitter lesson learned by the American people in its history.

Rossi Must Go—demand his immediate resignation!

Flood the State Assembly with demands for the immediate setup of an Assembly Investigating Committee. Rid our city of graft and corruption. Build a Farmer Labor Party as the best guarantee for clean and honest city government.

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

New Trial of ILD Attorney Arrested At Douglas Plant

SANTA MONICA—Arrested at the Douglas Aircraft plant and jailed on charges of "resisting an officer," Henry Eaton, International Labor Defense field organizer, won a victory in his trial, when his jury disagreed 11-1 for acquittal.

Defending himself, Eaton immediately asked for a complete dismissal, but the prosecuting attorney, prompted by reactionary forces to continue the attack against labor and its friends, insisted upon a new trial. Date set for the new trial is March 25th.

ON STRIKE—From Coast to Coast

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strike is led by the Intl. Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

The strike of 200 Durkee Famous Food workers in Berkeley has been ended with an agreement as to recognition of Federal Union 20218.

In Chicago 2500 marching taxi strikers battled police who attacked them.

In New Jersey, 900 Lewis Cigar workers are on a sitdown strike at Newark and 150 Pacific Slipper workers are on a sitdown at Passaic.

Colorado's first sitdown came with a strike of 125 National Broom Co. workers for a 25 per cent wage increase.

Officials of the California Packing Co. and of the Warehousemen's Union were considering the union's proposed peace plan in Oakland.

Printers on all three Minneapolis, Ind., papers have struck for wage increases.

Sen. Swing Wants Gift to Standard

SACRAMENTO — The state-owned oil pool at Huntington Beach, valued at more than $5,000,000, would be turned over to Standard Oil Co. for 16 2-3 per cent royalties, approximately $833,000, under a proposal in the State Senate by Senator Ralph Swing.

Senator Culbert L. Olson proposed a 30 per cent minimum royalty if private companies were to be permitted to exploit the oil pool. This would amount to approximately $1,500,000.

It has also been proposed that the state itself exploit the pool, taking 100 per cent royalties.

Profits Up, But Not Jobs

Despite big increases in profits, the California unemployment problem is almost as bad today as it was two years ago, Relief Administrator Harold E. Pomeroy told the Senate Finance Committee.

Invitation to C.P. Members

SAN FRANCISCO—Anti-imperialists are recognizing the Communist Party as an ally.

Here is a copy of a letter with the letter head "Junta Patriotica Bi-Partidarista, Pro-Arguello-Espinoza R., 56 Sharon Street, San Francisco" The organization is fighting American Imperialist domination of Nicaragua and its puppet government.

Secretary of the Communist Party
121 Haight St.
San Francisco,
Dear Sir:

You, and the members of your organization as well as your personal friends, are cordially invited to attend the anti-Fascist Meeting at Building Temple, 505 Fourteenth St. (Corner of Guerrero) on Sunday, March 21, at 8 p.m.

This will be the first of a series of meetings in the campaign against the advance of world Fascism. We are all interested in bringing true democracy to the people of America, and we count on your warm cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,
CRUZ R. MIRANDA,
Secretary.

Verdict in Trial Hailed, Pasadena

Resolution unanimously adopted at open membership meeting of Pasadena section, Communist Party, Los Angeles County, Feb. 14, 1937.

We, fifty members of the Pasadena California Section of the Communist Party, U.S.A., send warmest proletarian greetings to the people of the Soviet Union, hand hail the verdict of the people's court in dendemning the murderous plotters who sought to endanger and destroy the success of socialism in the Soviet Union.

Pasadena Section, C.P., USA

LABOR ROUSED BY REPORT OF S. F. GRAFTING

Rossi-Quinn Machine Deeply Involved By Atherton

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which particularly needs more facts and details:

"The (Maritime) strike had an increasingly damaging effect on the investigation from the time it first began to threaten seriously . . .Its major reactions were twofold. It made the investigation unpopular with business and industry. They considered that their interests required them to maintain favor with the Police Department by manifesting disapproval of any activity which might have a disturbing effect on police personnel."

Atherton's report stated the strike provided a "convenient refuge" for the Police Commission and Quinn, enabling them to "quibble, delay and deny certain vital requests with the explanation that compliance would be detrimental to the morale of the department."

Employers Involved

Waterfront workers, in particular, were quick to draw the conclusion that this paragraph related to refusal of police to take action against the Lee Holman gang of thugs and strikebreakers, which was financed by the Industrial Assn.

It was also remembered that the Industrial Assn. made a "gift" of $10,000 worth of teargas to the Police Department last summer, and that Rossi spoke for the Waterfront Employers in a national broadcast during the strike.

Progressive forces also sought further amplification of the following paragraph in Atherton's report:

How SF Officials Elected

"Reference was made to 'special assessments.' During local political campaigns the Police Department was an organized and powerful electioneering force. Members of the department were not only responsible for many thousands of votes for the favored candidates and measures, but they aided materially in raising campaign funds. Proprietors of illegel businesses were canvassed and informed that contributions were expected. In many cases the amount of the contribution was arbitrarily fixed and the proprietors paid it as a special item separate and apart from their regular tribute."

Shumate Breaks Down

Police Commissioner Shumate, who gives medical treatment to local prostitutes, declared Atherton, finally admitted being indebted to Peter P. McDonough, bail broker, to the tune of $20,000 but said it was "only a bookkeeping transaction."

All principals named in the graft report, issued denials. McDonough said he was going to consult his attorney, State Senator McGovern, and remarked: "He's accusing Mayor Rossi, Theodore Roche and Dr. Shumate. He will be naming the President of the United States next."

Mayor Rossi asked Atherton to produce proof of his charges, and commented on the prober's "solution" to the graft situation that of legalizing prostitution and gambling, as follows:

How About Illegal Vice?

"I have no intention of conducting a hearing with respect to the policy of my administration respecting vice. As long as I am Mayor there will be no legalization of prostitution or any form of vice in San Francisco, and certainly no arrangement will ever be sanctioned by me through which this great city will derive revenue from prostitution or gambling."

Rossi did not comment about illegal prostitution and vice.

Atherton's report summarized the extent of graft in San Francisco, as follows:

Million Dollar Payoffs

Payoffs of at least $324,000 a year on 135 houses of prostitution; payoff of at least $60,000 on "call houses" of prostitution; at least $10,000 to $20,000 on streetwalkers; at least $180,000 on bookmaking joints; "petty graft" on slot-machines and pinball games, unestimated (at least one slot-machine place in San Francisco pays off $100 a week for protection—Ed.); lotteries, unestimated graft; public gambling houses, unestimated graft; illicit liquor, illegal abortions, receiving of stolen goods, car-towing racket—all unestimated as to amount of payoffs.

Atherton declared: "Computed conservatively, the only conclusion to be reached is that it approximated, if it did not exceed one million dollars a year (in payoffs)."

The investigator said the graft probe was impeded and hamstrung in many ways. First, it was difficult to get graft payers to talk, due to fear. Second, Chief Quinn ruled that police officers did not have to submit to questioning, and was upheld by Mayor Rossi.

Rossi Put on Spot

Chief responsibility was placed upon Rossi in the report;

"In making the statement that this investigation was not supported by certain public officials, I had Mayor Rossi in mind, among others. His attitude appears to have been that because he approved the appropriations (to carry on the probe) his responsibility ended. I do not agree. As the chief executive of the city, with direct appointive power over the commissioners, who control the Police Department, he is ultimately responsible for conditions in the department."

But They Do Nothing For The Hungry

LOS ANGELES. — Not content that hundreds of people have been thrown upon the streets without food or lodging by arbitrary relief agency rulings, the City Council, Monday, March 15, declared that begging in residential areas would be illegal.

Already it is illegal to beg in the business section of the city. Thus the new ruling makes it a legal offense to beg anywhere within the city.

Patting itself on the back because it had taken a step toward "stamping out crime," the City Council made no alternative for the needy and starving persons who are reduced to begging.

TRIAL VERDICT IS HAILED IN LONG BEACH

Long Beach—In adopting a two months' plan of work for the Communist Party in Long Beach, the assembled membership of the Units E1 and E10 express their complete agreement with the line of the Party and their complete confidence in the Party leadership.

The resolute action of the Soviet Government in stamping out the Trotzkyite vipers before their bite could weaken the international working class, is applauded by this conference.

We who are struggling for unemployment relief, for the right to organize and picket, for higher wages and shorter hours, for the retention and expansion of our democratic rights, for the right to be free from the nightmare of another imperialist war, know from long experience what strength and fortitude come from the knowledge that the international working class has a Socialist Fatherland. Only madmen or downright counter-revolutionaries can maintain that the defeat of the Soviet Union would benefit the international proletariat. We know that such a defeat would be a terrible blow to the workers of the whole world. And it would usher in a period of reaction which would out-do the horrors of Hitler Germany.

The Soviet beacon light must never be put out, to leave the working class once more floundering in a sea of capitalist darkness. We pledge ourselves to build a revolutionary movement in Long Beach which will serve the interests of the working class on every front of their struggle and which will be free of Trotzkyites — people who, while holding up false slogans of revolution, stab the working class in the heart.

SF Labor Approves Fight of Teachers

SAN FRANCISCO—Following demands of the Central Labor Council and other progressive groups, Proposition No. 1 on the March 9 ballot may be submitted to the people at a special election next month, it was indicated in the Board of Supervisors' special Hetch Hetchy power committee.

Passage of the proposition, a charter amendment calling for the city to take over power sale and distribution now illegally conducted by Pacific Gas & Electric Co., is necessary in order for the city to comply with the federal Raker Act. The proposition lost by a narrow margin on March 9.

Machinists Win Recognition in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—The International Association of Machinists, AFL, won recognition of the union as exclusive collective bargaining agency from the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.

PHILADELPHIA — Electric Storage Battery Co. workers, who recently won a sitdown strike, have voted to affiliate with the CIO United Electric and Radio Workers' Union.

RAP REFUSAL OF X-RAYS TO HURT PICKET

Demand Alameda Supervisors Do Something On It

OAKLAND.—A delegation of 20 California Nursery Co. strikers of Niles have demanded that the Alameda County Board of Supervisors take steps to punish deputy sheriffs who severely beat pickets a few days ago.

The strikers also demanded that something be done about the action of the County Hospital in refusnig to X-Ray them after they were beaten.

All the Supervisors had to say was that they would look into the matter.

WHY WORKERS' ORDER BLASTS TROTZKYITES

The following resolution was recently adopted by the Northern California convention of the International Workers' Order:

Be it Resolved: That the Northern California District Convention of the International Workers' Order greets with the heartiest approval the just sentence meted out to the Trotzkyist wreckers, who were responsible for the death of hundreds of workers in the Soviet Union and who have allied themselves with the Fascists.

Vital Interest

As an organization dedicated to peace, progress, democracy and security we have a vital interest in being on our guard against all movements which aim at the destruction of these things.

That is why we oppose Nazism; that is why we oppose Mussolini; that is why we oppose Hearst and the American Fascists and that is why we condemn the recently exposed new allies of Fascism, Trotzky and Trotzkyism.

The Northern California District Committee calls upon all its branches and membership to make their condemnation of Trotzkyism heard through resolutions and discussions.

Alliance Members Hit Trotzkyites

LANCASTER, Pa.—Expulsion of Trotzkyites from the Workers' Alliance is demanded in a letter sent by the Workers' Alliance of Lancaster to the national and state executive boards.

"In consideration of the long period of disruptive activities both in Pennsylvania and on a national scale by these despicable disciples of disunity, the Trotzkyites, we demand that the state executive committee and the national executive board take immediate action to expel from our ranks all these disruptive splitters," the letter says.

"Far better that the WA now lose a few hundred people of this character than that they be allowed to continue their agitation against the National Executive Board and the progressive leadership of the WA under the pretext of themselves providing a "new and progressive leadership.

"We pledge that any attempt of these rats to carry on activity in Lancaster will be met by vigorous action and immediate exposure to all honest workers."

25 Years Ago—1912

MARCH 24

SAN FRANCISCO—The Sailors' Union of the Pacific voted additional $3000 to the Great Lakes seamen, who had been on strike for three years.

CLEVELAND—450,000 miners rejected operators' offer, renewed demands for 10 per cent wage increase and the 7-hour day in Western Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois.

MARCH 25

SAN FRANCISCO—The Labor Council voted $500 to support of a political organization of the Women's Union Label League throughout California.

LOS ANGELES—Under indictment for "jury tampering" in McNamara case, Attorney Clarence Darrow said he would not compromise in his fight against the charge.

MARCH 26

WASHINGTON — A bill was introduced in the House for "probationary independence" for the Philippine Islands to last from July 4, 1913, to July 4, 1921.

State Department Exposed As Aiding Fascists in Spain

PARTISANSHIP OF RED CROSS IS REVEALED

Department Trying To Curb Help To Loyalists

WASHINGTON—The state department, although forced by public pressure to end its ban on the sending of medical units to Spain, stands exposed as following a definite policy of aiding international Fascism in its drive in Spain.

While the reactionary congressman Sam D. Reynolds let loose a howling denunciation against the right of government employees to criticise his measure to prevent the collection of funds to aid Spain, the state department under Secretary Hull was "urging" that all funds for Spain be sent through the Red Cross.

Yet the Red Cross does not even have a medical mission in all of Loyalist Spain!

It would be offense enough to ask supporters of the legal government of Spain to send half of their aid to the Fascists, since the Red Cross pretends to be "impartial" aiding Fascists and government alike.

Yet in fact, the Red Cross aids the Fascists and not the legal government!

In a letter to the American Friends of Spanish Democracy in New York on February 16 Under - Secretary of State R. Walter Moore, attempting to justify the State Department's attempt to divert all Spanish aid to the Red Cross and thus handicap independent efforts, declared that the Red Cross had established delegations in Loyalist as well as rebel cities.

Denied

This was denied in a cablegram from Spanish Finance Minister Negrin to the Medical Bureau of the Friends of Spanish Democracy, who said:

"There are many independent medical missions in our country but no one so far as we know from the International Red Cross."

Figures of the Red Cross itself in Washington showed that less than half of the money appropriated had been actually sent to Spain at all.

On January 28, $118,000 had been "appropriated" by the Red Cross for Spain. Of this amount slightly more had been apportioned on paper for the loyalists than for Franco.

But actual figures showed that much of the money for the loyalists had been delayed, and Franco received more than the government.

The Red Cross admitted that there were no missions in Spain, contrary to the State Department's declaration, but insisted that the money is being sent directly to the respective governments.

Reports from visitors returning from Spain, including the correspondent Louis Fischer, raise doubts as to whether the Loyalist government is getting any aid from the Red Cross.

AFL Council Can't Agree on Court

WASHINGTON.—So reactionary is the AFL Executive Council that it cannot even agree on supporting President Roosevelt's proposed Supreme Court changes.

William Hutcheson, president of the Carpenters International, has written Senator Van Nuys of Indiana, expressing his opposition to the proposals on the Supreme Court, even though organized labor is overwhelmingly behind those proposals and William Green himself is going along with it.

Hoan and Raskin Not Consulted on S.P. 'Protest' to Spain

MILWAUKEE—When the national executive committee of the Socialist Party recently protested to Premier Largo Caballero against the arrest of Trotzkyites in Spain as traitors and the suppression of Trotzkyite publications, it consulted neither Mayor Daniel W. Hoan of Milwaukee nor Max Raskin.

Both Hoan and Raskin are members of the national executive committee. Both have openly declared their opposition to Trotzkyism, favoring the expulsion of Trotzkyites from the Socialist Party.

Would Choke China with a Gloved Hand



GENERAL SENJURI HAYASHI, new Japanese premier, who says his government has no territorial ambitions in China—not much. What has happened is that growing unity of Chinese people has scared Japanese militarists, who are talking of choking China with the gloved hand rather than mauling her with the mailed fist.

Reminiscences of California Labor

By J. E. SNYDER

Newspapers play a big part in the class war. "The Los Angeles Citizen" under the editorship of Stanley B. Wilson and controlled by a board of labor leaders, devoted its sixteen pages to the Los Angeles battles of Labor with the Baker and other iron works.

The Machinists Union was a militant organization and members from its ranks went to prison from the Los Angeles District for the part they took in the struggle.

Stanley B. Wilson

Stanley B. Wilson, who died this last January, was well liked as a man among men. He was poet and scholar and always in demand as an orator. As an editor he was able and produced a paper that was filled with militant material.

It was his bent to print the side of Labor in the struggle. He delighted in striking hard blows against Labor's enemies. He sought out writers who could say it with hard knocks. He knew the most revolutionary poems, from the pens of the best poets, and quoted these in his paper and to the audiences before whom he spoke.

The Citizen was a good labor paper, at the start of a struggle, but a weak Labor Paper at the close, for Stanley B. Wilson was the kind that surrendered. As an associate editor would steam up and say something to the point Stanley would say, "that's good," and proceed to print it, but this often got a comeback from the one or many whom it hit, and the associate suffered for his efforts even to being fired.

During the early stages of the Harriman campaign for Mayor, I was one of these associate editors. I wrote an editorial about the compromise campaign being carried on by the Harriman forces and I headed my article, "They have taken down the Red Flag of Socialism and put a Yellow Streak in it."

This Stanley B. applauded, but three weeks later enough pressure had been brought to bear that I lost my job.

During the time that I was on the Citizen we published enough about the MacNamara case to fill a large volume. What we published was fact as based on history.

It was my duty to find out about frameups. This I did, going to French, German and English history I found aplenty.

In the beginning days of capitalism the landowning and the capitalists framed one labor group after the other and border lines did not count, for the conspiracies reached into the police circles internationally all during the 18th century.

The Haymarket case and the Eight-Hour battle in the eighties, was thoroughly gone into, and Governor Altgeld's "Why I Pardoned the Anarchists" played a big part in our approach.

I recounted a case wherein I was close up. It was a frame up against the "Non-Conformist Farmers' Alliance", official organ in Winfield, Kansas, back at the same time as the Haymarket frameup in Chicago. The editors were accused of attempting to bring dynamite into Winfield to blow up the Courier, Republican paper. In this case the evidence was so clear against the framers that they turned tail and ran for cover. It involved the highest authorities in the State, right up to the Governor.

An old reporter on the Citizen showed the structure of the Times Building and its interior as a veritable fire trip. "Accumulated dust from ink and oil barrels was similar to the mine dust that causes such terrific explosions. The little hole in the pavement outside the Times door, where the explosion took place, was not enough to cause the damage done. The explosion that killed the twenty-one workers was not a dynamite explosion."

I still think he was right and that the old firetrap was the main thing so far as actual physical cause figures in the case. It was condemned. The Times was planning on moving at the time.

The circulation of the Citizen leaped up and extended all over the world. We were handicapped with its size and although I urged a reduction in size for outside states the bookkeeper could not see it.

(To Be Continued)

MALRAUX TO SPEAK TUES., LOS ANGELES

Will Tell of Struggle In Spain in Which He Participated

LOS ANGELES—Andre Malraux, Commander of the International Air Squadron of the Loyalist government will personally speak at the Shrine Auditorium on Tuesday, March 23, in conjunction with the showing of the first authentic film from the Spanish front, "Spain in Flames."

The author of "Man's Fate" has served with the government forces since the first days of the invasion.

The film is contemporary history itself, a document made for the most part while the headlines are flinging the news of history in the making around the world.

Documented History

Here before your eyes are the masses of men, women and children who may at this moment still be fighting for their lives where the cameramen left them. Here is history of today documented with actual scenes from film libraries of the events now transpiring. "Actors" in the film include King Alphonse, Lerroux, President Asana, Gonzales Pena, Dolores Ibarruri (La Passionaria), Jose Diaz, secretary of the Communist Party of Spain.

The film was screened by the Motion Picture Artists' Committee, whose executive board consists of Donald Ogden Stewart, Franchot Tone, Lewis Milestone, Herbert Biberman, Dudley Nichols, George Gershwin, Samson Raphaelson, Humphrey Cobb, Florence Eldridge, and Madeleine Ruthven.

$500,000 U. S. SPAIN MEDICAL CENTER, PLAN

Second Unit of U. S. Medical Mission Sets Sail

NEW YORK.—A $500,000 American medical center will rise in loyalist Spain!

The action of Secretary of State Hull in permitting American medical personnel to sail for Spain, after thousands of protests were made against his previous ruling which refused them passports, makes the great project of mercy possible.

The generosity of democracy-loving Americans will make it a living reality. There will be a pediatric unit with material sufficient for immunization of 50,000 children against diphtheria, smallpox and typhoid; an American Institute for Anesthesia & Pain Relief, with sufficient anesthesia material to serve all needs in Spanish government areas and an American Institute of Child Care to care for orphans and repatriate child refugees.

Second Unit Sails

The second unit of the American medical mission—two surgeons, seven nurses, two ambulance drivers, four ambulances and 10 tons of medical supplies—was scheduled to sail March 18 on the Normandie.

The announcement was made by Dr. William J. Crookston, general secretary of the Medical Bureau, American Friends of Spanish Democracy, 20 Vesey St., New York City. He was colonel and chief surgeon in the 28th Division, AEF, and headed the American Red Cross mission in Hungary in 1915.

Newton D. Baker Hits Trotzky's Fascist Plotting

CHICAGO—Newton D. Baker, secretary of war under Woodrow Wilson, told the fourth annual Women's Congress here that Leon Trotzky had plotted against world peace with the Fascist nations.

Baker charged Trotzky with plotting with Hitler and the Japanese miltarists, hoping they would defeat the Soviet Union and return him to power.

From the same platform U. S. Senator Gerald P. Nye offered an eight-point peace program which called for: increased education on causes of war, dramatization and celebration of peace, confining armament programs to requirements for repulsing aggressors, ending war profits, destruction of profit which promotes armament races, enactment of a constitutional amendment providing referenda on wars, provision for property conscription and strong neutrality legislation.

Davies Applauds Soviet Industry

MOSCOW — "It's amazing what has been done."

So said U. S. Ambassador Joseph E. Davies at the conclusion of a 1250-mile tour in which he surveyed the industrial progress of the Soviet Union.

WASHINGTON SITDOWN

WASHINGTON — Over 400 workers at two plants of the National Pants Co. are engaged in a sitdown strike.

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LOS ANGELES. — With the slogan "Every Contribution is a Nail in Franco's Coffin," a benefit dance to aid Spanish Democracy will be given Saturday, March 20, in the Cultural Center, 230 South Spring St. A contribution of 25c is the price of admission.

Chief features on the evening's program will be a Spanish floor-show with a good orchestra, and refreshments. The dance is to be given under the auspices of the Cultural Center Dance Club.

L. A. FIGHT ON TROTZKYITES IS PLEDGED

Membership Meeting Hears of Their Disruption

LOS ANGELES.—In expression of their determination to carry on ceaseless warfare against counter - revolutionary Trotzkyism, more than one thousand persons, in attendance at a special General Membership meeting of the Communist Party of Los Angeles County, March 13, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"A General Membership Meeting of the Communist Party of Los Angeles County, after hearing a report on the counter-revolutionary role of Trotzkyism resolves:

Wing of Fascism

"We hail the just verdict of proletarian justice against the counter-revolutionary Trotzkyite 'Parallel Center'. In the trial, Trotzkyism was definitely exposed as a wing of Fascism. We must fight Trotzkyism wherever it appears in order to defeat Fascism and enable the working class, unhampered, to continue its struggle for its every day needs as part of the struggle for power.

"We declare that the outcome of the trial, proves the strength of the Soviet Union and its vigilance and ability to beat back any attempt to destroy or weaken the building of Socialism in the Soviet Union.

"We greet the beloved leader of the Soviet masses, the Communist Party, of the Soviet Union, and the leader of the world proletariat, Comrade Stalin, whose Marxist-Leninist leadership brought the Soviet Union to its splendid victories in Socialist construction.

Disruption in L.A.

"In the city of Los Angeles the splitting tactics and the counter - revolutionary line of fascist-Trotzkyism is to be observed in every field of activity, in the Trade Unions, etc.

"We pledge to carry out the line of our Central Committee in the struggle against Trotzkyism in this city—to drive them out of the labor movement—which will guarantee preserving the unity and militancy of the Labor movement."

Betty Gannett, Los Angeles County organizer, addressed the meeting—forcefully pointing out the vicious and murderous work of the Trotzkyite traitors in the Soviet Union, condemning their acts of sabotage and disruption in the Spanish people's glorious fight for freedom and democracy.

Exposing the work of the Trotzkyites in Southern California—in agriculture where they have done all they could to frustrate any attempt of the workers to organize, in the Douglas strike where they launched constant attacks against the AFL, alienating the CIO forces and working towards a split rather than toward unity, Comrade Gannett declared.

"We must take up the task of ousting the Trotzkyites from the Socialist Party, to make possible the effective building of a People's Front."

GEN'L STRIKE IN FRANCE TO HIT FASCISTS

Blum Scored For Use Of Mobile Guard In Clichy

PARIS—Two million workers in the Paris region completely stopped the city's activity in a solid general strike which emphatically answered the Fascist provocations in Clichy a few days ago.

Five persons were killed and more than five hundred injured when the government Mobile guards fired on Socialist and Communist demonstrators who had gathered in Clichy to protest a mobilization by the Fascist "Social Party" of the renegade Jacques Doriot.

The action of Premier Leon Blum in permitting the Mobile Guards to be used against the anti-Fascist demonstrators is the outcome of a long series of concessions which Blum has been making to rightists, including the "neutrality" which handicaps the French people in giving aid to the legal government of Spain.

Comfort to Fascists

Rightist hopes immediately arose that Blum would use the occasion to break with the Communists in his cabinet.

The demonstration Friday, in which French workers and all democratic people of France are expected to demonstrate their demand for unity and opposition to Fascism in no uncertain terms, will have a part in forcing the Blum cabinet to lift its ban on political demonstrations and to act against the Fascist provocateurs.

Soviets to Observe Pact Only If Fascists Observe It

LONDON—The Soviet Union welcomes the decision for the international patrol for non-intervention in Spain, but will consider itself bound to observe the decisions of the non-intervention committee only to the extent that all other member countries observe it.

This stand of the Soviet government was stated to the International Non-Intervention Committee here by Ivan Maisky, Soviet representative.

'May Be a Fake' . . . *S. F. News Used It* . . . Spain 'Atrocity'

SAN FRANCISCO—"We also think it may be a fake."

So the secretary of the city editor of the San Francisco News told the Western Worker about an atrocity picture printed in the March 15th issue.

"Chained to His Gun—A Tragedy of War," said the caption over the picture, and underneath was an explanation: "This Spanish Loyalist volunteer was chained to his gun before a battle started. When Rebels captured the machine gun nest they found him dead, still chained to the instrument of death he operated."

But the bearded dead man appeared to have been dead for days, and the picture itself could well have been taken out of a Hearst file of world war vintage.

Despite the admission that it "might be a fake," the News printed the picture. Its source was revealed as the Newspaper Enterprise Association, a syndicated service.

REPORT SEDITION BILL

WASHINGTON — The McCormack sedition bill, bitterly fought by liberals, has been reported without recommendation to the House judiciary committee, by a sub-committee.

ASSEMBLYMEN RAP STATE COP USE IN STRIKES

Bill On Highway Patrol Occasions Sharp Talk

SACRAMENTO.—Liberal Assemblymen were quick to see the catch in a bill on the State Highway Patrol which on the surface looked harmless.

"Emergency" Means Strikes

The measure being considered provides that those applying for positions in the patrol must reside six months before appointment in the county to which they are assigned. The bill also stipulates that highway patrolmen can be transferred from county to county for more than a week only "if an emergency exists."

Liberal assemblymen sought to know whether "emergency" meant strikes. Assemblyman Reeves of San Pedro took the opportunity to blast the use of state highway police in labor disputes, and remarked that they were inclined to be too free in their use of tear gas.

The bill was defeated 42 to 27, but on motion of Assemblyman Garland of Woodlake will come before the house again.

LOS ANGELES

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We Demand Indictments

THE investigating committee of the Building Trades Council of San Francisco has found that the guilt for the murder of 10 workers on the Golden Gate Bridge lies on the shoulders of the officials of the Pacific Bridge Co., who failed to heed warnings that the scaffolding was unsafe, and Chief Engineer Joseph B. Strauss, who **"failed to enforce conditions** of the contracts in such manner as to prevent the use of dangerous scaffolding."

We agree with the recommendations of that committee that the law be amended to give power to the Industrial Accident Commission to stop work when and where it finds unsafe conditions without first having to hold a hearing. **That is good—but what about those guilty for the murder of the ten workers?**

The capitalist press almost daily displays stories of individual murders, where some poor, crazed individuals, either mentally deranged or the victim of powerful emotions, kills one of his fellow-men. The press always demands swift punishment for the murderer.

How about these "respectable" gentlemen, who calmly and cynically allowed 10 men to plunge to death merely because it might have cut in a bit on their profits to stop work and replace the unsafe scaffolding?

Chief Engineer Strauss will receive $1,000,000 for his services, it is reported. **How much will the dependents of the murdered men receive?**

We demand criminal indictments be issued against those responsible for the mass murder!

We demand full, life-time compensation for the dependents of the ten murdered men!

A single Sunday issue of the New York Times wipes out 225 acres of timber, that paper boasts. And how many acres of facts?

Seattle Shows the Way

THE ELECTION of Hugh DeLacy to the Seattle City Council by a vote of 50,000 was a defeat for reaction and a significant victory for the Washington Commonwealth Federation. Delacy ran on a straight platform of Labor's Civil Rights, and had previously been expelled from his job as instructor in the University of Washington because of "political activity."

DeLacy was supported in his campaign by all the progressive forces of Seattle, including the Communist Party. The issue on the municipal elections was clear-cut: progress versus reaction.

The forces of reaction, out to defeat DeLacy and other candidates endorsed by labor and progressive forces, received a sound drubbing at the hands of the Seattle people at the polls, when the progressive candidates were voted in.

The victory of these progressives in Seattle shows what can be accomplished by the united political action of labor and progressive forces.

The repeal of San Francisco's anti-picketing ordinance was a significant demonstration in that city of labor's effectiveness. This must be followed up by building similar unity between labor and progressive forces in the November municipal elections. Seattle has shown the way.

A Teachres' College survey shows that high school students know more about medieval Europe than about contemporary U. S .A. They're being taught about the wrong kind of robber barons.

A New "Declaration of Independence"

ALL PROGRESSIVE labor forces hail as a step forward the revised "Declaration of Independence" adopted by the national convention of Labor's Non-Partisan League held at Washington last week.

We fully agree with Labor's Non-Partisan League's statement that **"the primary purpose of independent labor political action is to assist, by every legitimate political means, in the improvement of the wages and working and living conditions of American labor."**

The basis for broadening the League is contained in the declaration that it **"will work with every progressive group whose purpose is to secure enactment of liberal and humanitarian legislation."**

Recognizing the necessity of applying as much pressure as possible from all sections of the country in order to force favorable action on social and labor legislation, the convention decided to launch a campaign to **"extend its organization into every county in the United States in which any substantial number of wage earners are employed."**

Labor's Non-Partisan Leagues in several states have adopted and are pushing for the enactment of a series of progressive legislative measures. These measures are very similar to the list of bills adopted and introduced into the California legislature by the People's Legislative Conference held in Sacramento January 17th.

In California, wherever Labor's Non-Partisan Leagues are organized, they would do well to establish fraternal relationships with the county committees of the People's Legislative Conference. The program of both are in harmony—and cooperation would hasten the process of broadening the movement for independent action of labor and progressive forces in municipal and state elections.

Donald Douglas is still up in the air against the aircraft strikers in Santa Monica, but don't worry—the union will see that he makes a forced landing.

The People Face Grave Issues This May Day

MAL DAY, 1937, has tremendous significance for the American people.

This traditionally American day of demonstrating the unity of the working class and its allies in the struggle for immediate demands finds a number of extremely grave issues facing the people.

Reactionary interests have mustered their forces in a frontal attack against the proposals of President Roosevelt to unpack the Supreme Court. In making and fighting for these proposals, President Roosevelt is carrying out the mandate of the people. The Supreme Court must not be allowed to remain a tool in the hands of the reactionaries to defeat all progressive and labor legislation!

May Day must be used to demonstrate the support of labor and its allies for the proposals to unpack the Supreme Court!

Today labor history is being written across the face of the country in bold, large letters. The CIO forces, with victories in auto and steel to their credit, are in the midst of a huge drive to organize the unorganized in the mass production industries. The CIO forces are fighting not only the open-shoppers, but also the splitting tactics and sabotage of the Executive Council of the AFL. The drive to organize the unorganized is part of the movement to build the Farmer-Labor Party, to defeat reaction and Fascism!

What better occasion than May Day to demonstrate labor's solidarity and the support of the people behind the CIO, against Green's splitting maneuvers, for trade union unity! Demonstrate May Day to make every city and town in America 100 per cent union!

In Spain, the people are fighting heroically, not alone for Spanish democracy, but for world democracy. They are facing the invading armies of Hitler, Mussolini, and Franco's Moors. Their struggle is the grave concern of every anti-Fascist, every progressive, every enemy of war! Spain is the battlefield of the world struggle between democracy and Fascism!

On May Day—the day of international solidarity—the people must demonstrate their support of their heroic Spanish brothers!

MAKE MAY DAY, 1937, THE BROADEST POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATION OF WORKING CLASS UNITY ON THESE THREE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES!

The Los Angeles Citizen, Labor Council organ, referred to the "Alleged strike at Douglas Aircraft" in Santa Monica. Yessir, the alleged strike was allegedly won, and the workers got alleged pay increases with which they can buy more alleged commodities!

"Peace Pacts" As The Fascists See Them

THE PLAN proposed by Italy and Germany for a new Locarno pact is about as far from a peace pact as anything could be. In fact, it is nothing short of a scheme to ensure the security of both Fascist powers while they carry forward their aggressive actions against weaker nations in preparation for the "big push" against the Soviet Union.

It is too much to ask even a gullible world to believe that Italy would ever agree to calling itself an aggressor nation, and so invoke upon herself the joint action of all countries which have mutual assistance pacts with the attacked country. We simply cannot imagine Italy blaming herself for her aggressive acts upon Ethiopia—or for her invasion of the Republic of Spain! Neither can we see Italy designating her Fascist ally, Germany, an aggressor when Hitler gets ready to launch an attack against the Soviet Union on some pretext or other!

The note by Hitler to Britain, almost identical with that submitted by Italy, would designate Italy and Britain as the two powers who are to determine an aggressor country, instead of the Council of the League of Nations. **Both Britain and Italy would have to agree on the aggressor.**

Besides actually paralyzing the mutual assistance pact system which France has set up (its chief aim is to wreck the Franco-Soviet pact), the proposed new Locarno pact would do away for all time with the League of Nations as an instrument of collective security for peace, isolate France, and give Hitler and Mussolini a free hand in Europe—as long as England shares in the spoils.

Says John P. Frey, AFL vice-president: "We are determined to go forward alone in all the mass production industries." ALONE is correct.

The CIO Doesn't Rest On Its Laurels



ONCE AGAIN Secretary of Labor Perkins sends a hurry call for John L. Lewis, as Chrysler auto workers take over nine plants in Detroit area. The CIO Auto Workers' Union strikers always stick solid until their demands are granted.

Some Methods of Building Young Communist League

The Commission on League Building, held at the recent National Commission Meeting of the YCL in Chicago, which combined the problems of organization with those of education, placed its greatest emphasis on the work and life of the branches and units, and on the development of new organizational and educational forms and activities.

It proposed that there be the greatest flexibility and encouragement of experimentation and application of new methods of work in the preparations of the Convention. Some of the proposals of the Commission follow:

Branches and Local Issues

1) In order that Young Communist League branches may become established as constructive factors in the life of their communities and its organizations, the execution of national campaigns must center around the branches themselves and the local issues.

Branches must know every organization, the type of young people within them, the kinds of schools, housing conditions, recreational facilities in their neighborhood. Campaigns on national issues such as that of the American Youth Act, must be taken up by the branches with an eye to the job, vocational and educational problems of the community itself. Concrete action on local conditions should enhance the value of the national and state campaigns.

2) The project form of activity was suggested. Of course, this requires considerable reorganization, but some experiences should be secured before the Convention on this form. According to such a plan of work, the problem of every branch being overloaded with too many activities, mostly of a national and district character, would be eliminated by having groups within a branch, or certain branches in a section, or entire sections whose activity for a given period of time will center on one thing.

The projects should combine within themselves theory with practice. For example, suppose one project was established on Spain. This group would not alone work out means by which to raise aid, set up a broad neighborhood committee, etc., but would also make close and thorough study of the issues involved in Spain and in this manner become rooted in a number of basic Marxist-Leninist questions.

Age Question

3) The age question has long been an important one in the YCL. Since the majority of the 16-18 age group in the YCL are high school students, the organization of a high school section of the League was recommended, and in the pre-Convention discussion this, together with the proposal for a student division of the YCL, should receive careful consideration in all districts. The methods of maintaining a necessary link between the student units and the rest of the League should be kept in mind in working out this proposal.

4) The lack of ceremony or any organizational procedure in admitting new members to the League was criticized. The Boston District recommended one of their experiences, where the branch Executive Committee discussed with all new members, their interests, the reasons they joined the YCL, their personal problems, etc., thus placing them in a position to assimilate new members in branch life and getting the best contributions from the new members.

5) The question of election of leading bodies, especially in the branches, received considerable discussion. The South Side Chicago branch recommended a procedure which proved very successful there. A special class for all prospective branch organizers was arranged. A real election campaign was run. The candidates all made their proposals as to how the branch could improve its work.

Recreational Needs

6) The activity of the YCL in small towns was discussed primarily from the point of view of answering the cultural and recreational needs of the youth in such towns. A primary job is that of remedying the dreariness of existence in many of these towns. Youth centers where dramatics, sports, entertainment of various types can be organized should be established. In certain towns, it will be advisable to form broader youth clubs of a progressive character, but not affiliated to the YCL. This, of course, in addition to building the YCL.

7) A comprehensive plan of activity in three fields, was stressed: dramatics, sports and music. March of Time skits, one-act plays, have been shown to be excellent in brightening up the branch meetings, in explaining current events, and answering the needs of young people who are interested in that type of activity. Similarly, the organization of a chorus, quartets, song sheets distributed at branch meetings, was recommended. Finally, preparations now for soft ball and baseball teams in the Spring time, was strongly recommended. District competition with possible national play-offs were suggested. The National Committee is to issue athletics letters, to be worn by all members of YCL teams.

8) The League should invite professional people, actors, writers, dancers, teachers, doctors and intellectuals for our manifold activities.

9) The need of getting all members of the League paid up to date in dues was brought forward very sharply, especially in view of the fact that representation at the National Convention will be on the basis of dues payments.

10) With regard to work on the problems facing Negro youth, and more attention to recruiting Negro youth into the YCL, the Commission showed the need of concentrating more than before on youth in industry.

In work among Negro youth, education of youth on the history of the Negro people and the contribution of the Negro people to American culture, must occupy a prominent place.

A Message to Friends of Irish Freedom

By VERNON D. HEALEY

The letter from the widow of one of Ireland's illustrious martyrs, Major John MacBride, carries a message of importance to the real friends of Irish freedom.

The startling news conveyed in the letter of Maude Gonne MacBridge fully convinces us of that fact.

Indicts De Valera Govt.

Its contents are an indictment against the De Valera government, that puts previous governments of Ireland in the shade.

Irish men and women of America may find it hard to place De Valera, who has been held in their estimation as one of Ireland's great ledaers, among the worst of Ireland's traitors. Mrs. McBride in her letter says:

"In my fifty years of work for Irish independence I have never been up against such a stone wall of silence, such complete stifling of all Republican expression of thought."

The turn that appears to have taken place in De Valera is not a sudden change in the character of the man himself nor in the class that he represents.

Years ago they supported separation from England because by this separation they could vision a stronger hand for themselves to exploit the Irish workers and farmers. The results of a successful revolution if such were possible, therefore, meant to them only a change of masters. Prior to the end of the Black and Tan outrages, when leaders of the Harry Boland type stated that the government of Ireland would be a people's government, panic and fear pierced the hearts of Irish finance.

The Hand of Reaction

As far back as the termination of the Black and Tan war of 1923, when the men of Ireland had England's back to the wall, the hand of reaction began to show itself in leaders of the present day.

The moves by the De Valera government to stifle all Republican expression are not new. They were made when Michael Collins and his colleagues were sent to England in order to prevent the revolution of that time from developing into a revolution of the workers and farmers.

In order to more fully understand the moves that are taking place, we must forget for the time that Ireland is a small island close to her oppressor. Let us picture her as a part of this world, divided into two distinct classes, the workers on the one side and the capitalists on the other. World economics have developed to such a degree that no longer is it possible for one country to set itself aloof from the others, and particularly is this true of colonial countries, and more so again if they are small and weak.

It is well to point out to Irish revolutionists in America the part we must play in this tragic drama of Irish history. It is our responsibility to arouse the Irish masses of workers.

Only by participation of Irish men and women in the world revolutionary struggle, moving toward the abolition of the capitalist system can Ireland march to that goal of freedom so long prayed and wished for by generations of Irishmen. In the words of that great revolutionary leader of 1916, James Connolly, "there cannot be a free Ireland with a subject working class, nor a subject Ireland with a free working class."

Guam People Ask For Citizenship

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A delegation from Navy-ruled Guam has come to Washington asking congress to live up to a promise made in 1898 when Guam was taken from Spain by the Spanish-American War.

One thing is being asked: American citizenship.

The people of Guam live under the American flag. They are obligated by all responsibilities of allegiance, yet they have no vote whatsoever.

Two bills granting citizenship to the people of Guam are now before congress, yet an effort is bing made to shelve both.

Although the island has a legislative assembly, it has little power, and the Navy has assumed virtually complete civil and military power.

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

A Challenge To Labor

THE CHARGES of the National Labor Relations Board against the union-wrecking and vigilante activities of the big growers of Salinas during last year's lettuce strike, brings out glaringly the do-nothing policy of the leadership of the State Federation of Labor in regard to agriculture. A labor leadership which does not face the problem of organizing the most shamefully exploited workers in California must admit bankruptcy and go the way of all labor officials who stood in the way of progress in the American labor movement.

Side by side with the organization of agriculture is the necessity for a genuine struggle in defense of civil liberties and against vigilantism, the greatest threat to Organized Labor. These tasks are a challenge to the whole labor movement, and it is about time that the top officialdom of the State Federation of Labor stopped talking about it, and got down to business, or they will have much to answer for at the next State Federation convention.

For months Vandeleur & Co. have been stalling on this question, because they are obsessed with the fear of the "reds," by which term they designate all the most active militant forces that are doing what they can to organize the agricultural workers. When Vandeleur, Cowan, and West were finally prodded into action, they worked out an ingenious scheme for a "state industrial union," without locals or any means of democratic control by the rank and file, but a bureaucratic apparatus of officials with arbitrary powers.

In such a "safe" set-up, a place was reserved for a handful of discredited Trotzkyite disrupters, on whom Vandeleur depending to carry the brunt of red-baiting demagogy to "weed out" those suspected of being Communists. The Trotzkyites and their press, business engaged in calling the Communists "reactionary," lined up with the reactionary Vandeleur for such a program at the Feb. 28th state convention of agricultural unions.

But it seems that red-baiters are not faring so well in the labor movement recently. Vandeleur found that he had bet on the wrong horse. The agricultural convention delegates refused to be stampeded by red-baiting. The convention was wary of any scheme that would take democracy and autonomy away from the locals and the rank and file.

Any experienced organizer in agriculture knows how much suspicion and distrust has to be broken down among the workers, before an organizing drive can be successful.

Any program which does not take into account the need for full democracy for the rank and file, a certain amount of autonomy for local organizations consistent with the functioning of a state organization, and the need for a low-dues system for these poorly paid workers, is doomed to failure. Organizing agriculture is no soft berth for high salaried officials. It will require the support of the whole labor movement of California. In the same way that the miners and other CIO unions threw all their resources into the organizing drives in the steel and auto industry, so must agriculture be tackled.

If the Exective Board of the State Federation of Labor really desires to do something about organizing the agricultural and cannery workers, now is the time to mobilize the resources of the whole California labor movement for such a drive. The Communists are pledged to be among the most active, loyal supporters of an organizing campaign in agriculture, as they have been in steel and auto. We have no other interest than that of building a strong, united labor movement which can fight for the rights of labor, and which is the most powerful bulwark against the threatening forces of reaction and Fascism. Agriculture is a challenge to the whole California labor movement.

WHITHER THE SAILORS' UNION?

The question of unity in the labor movement is a paramount issue in every union, especially since the splitting moves of Green and the AFL executive council against the CIO unions are threatening that unity. The encouraging action of a large number of Central Labor Councils in California which refused to bar the CIO unions shows that the rank and file will fight to maintain a united labor movement. This is especially important for the maritime unions, which have been an example to the rest of the labor movement, since the organization of a powerful Maritime Federation on the Pacific Coast.

Every seaman and longshoreman realizes that without the Maritime Federation, they could never have made the great advances they did since 1934. That is the great lesson of the 1936-37 maritime strike. We had occasion to point out a number of dangers, during the strike, that threatened to disrupt the unity of the Federation and the solidarity between seamen and longshoremen.

The strike was won because policies that would lead to disruption were overwhelmingly defeated. But the dangers are not yet overcome. Unity is still threatened by some of the policies advocated by the leadership of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific.

The Atlantic and Gulf Coast seamen emerged from their strike with a partial victory and made it possible for the rank and file to make great advances in taking control of their union.

The gap between the East and West Coast is rapidly being otridged, thus laying the basis for the final ousting of the ISU reactionary officialdom, and bringing closer a National Maritime Federation. Yet the leaders of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific have adopted a hostile attitude toward the East Coast rank and file, and have made several attempts to replace East Coast crews having strike-clearance cards, with West Coast men, on intercoastal ships.

The Sailors' Union officials have adopted a luke warm and passive attitude toward the fight to regain their charter in the ISU, and have encouraged tendencies for a new union.

Although using ultra-militant phrases against Scharrenberg, Hunter & Co., the advocates of such a policy would thus play right into Scharrenberg's hands by giving up the fight to remain in the ISU, precisely at a time when the rank and file of the seamen on both Coasts are on the verge of victory over the reactionary international officialdom. If and when an ISU convention is held this year, it would be an entirely different story than the last ISU convention, where everything was railroaded through by a hand-picked majority.

The seamen must therefore be on their guard against the ultra-militant talk of syndicalist elements for a "new," "industrial" union, and leave the ISU at the mercy of Scharrenberg.

The fight for industrial unionism can best be advanced in the maritime industry by cementing the unity between seamen and longshoremen in the Maritime Federation, not by creating barriers between them. Industrial unionism can be advanced by the West Coast seamen giving full support to the East Coast rank and file who are taking control of their unions, thus laying the basis for a National Maritime Federation.

Red-baiting attacks on the "Communists," with which every rank and filer is labelled when he fights for a policy of unity in the Sailors' Union, only helps the shipowners. Red-baiting, we thought, was ended when the Scharrenbergs and the Vandeleurs were "given the gate." It ill befits Lundeberg, who was himself the victim and target of Scharrenberg's red-baiting in the past, to use such methods in attacking those who are fighting for the unity of the Federation. The Sailors' Union membership must be in the forefront of the fight for maintaining unity.

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Ex-Police Judge Is Sentenced on Grand Theft Conviction

OAKLAND — Convicted of grand theft in connection with liquor graft, George W. Hickman, former Albany police judge, was sentenced to 15 months in the county jail and put on five years, probation, last Wednesday. Hickman's attorney gave notice of appeal.

Fight Anti - Picket Law in Solano County—Miners in Alaska Ready to Organize

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Have You Entered Big Prize Contest Yet? — S.F. Seaman Writes on the Maritime Strike

VALLEJO LABOR COUNCIL FIGHTS PICKETING BAN

But Pres. Glineburg Weakens Fight by "Red - Baiting"

VALLEJO.—The Central Labor Council here, in a recent meeting, was much aroused over the report that the County Commissioner of Solano County had passed, or rather railroaded, an anti-picketing ordinance.

A committee composed of George Glineburg, president of the council, and Carl Beardsley, secretary, was elected to visit the County Board meeting at the county seat, Fairfield, and protest against the passage of this unfair ordinance.

Time-Worn "Excuse"

The committee found that the three Farm Commissioners, at the request of a farm delegation, had supported, as passed, the ordinances. They did it, they said, to "protect the farm labor from the aggressions of the Reds." The two commissioners from the city of Vallejo opposed the passage of the ordinance.

President Glineburg censured the commissioners for railroading the ordinance through without giving organized labor a hearing on it, and said that organized laber in Vallejo "permits no Reds within its ranks."

Carl Beardsley protested the passage of the ordinance on the grounds that all agricultural workers of California were under the jurisdiction of the AFL; therefore, the passage of an anti-picketing law was infringing on the rights of organized labor.

Vigilantism Exposed

It was pointed out that vigilantism in Solano County two years ago resulted in keeping thousands of workers out of the county, and the farmers of that county lost thousands of dollars by not having their crops harvested, that the enforcement of this ordinance would cause the same result.

It was also said that the law unquestionably was unconstitutional, could not be enforced and would only have the county in disrepute; and that an unjust and disreputable law will not repress the Reds but would increase them.

The County Commissioners agreed to reconsider the passage of the ordinance, and blamed the district attorney for not properly instructing them.

Alaska Miners Are Again Ready to Organize Union

By a Miner

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — News the Pacific Coast strike came to an end was surely welcome to some of us. I can imagine the struggles of our comrades on the picket line.

Here in the Fairbanks district are about 2,000 men working for wages. Therefore, if you could spare an organizer (a la John L. Lewis or Bridges), it would be welcome to some of us, and we would do all we can to help him along.

According to a Washington report we are going to have an Army Air Base about three miles from Fairbanks. If that is so, then we will have an addition to our population of a few thousand people. Therefore, we consider there is plenty of room for a union.

They'll Try Again

We tried in 1907 to organize, and did organize in 1908. We had at that time 3,500 in the Tanana Miners Union, Western Federation of Miners, but the business men of this community sent for scabs in the States, and the scabs took our places. We fought and lost. Then we tried again in 1935, without success.

If you could spare an organizer, we would be willing to try again, and we are willing to fight continuously until we win our battle.

Hall in Future S.F. Candy Workers Plan For Hiring

By a Candy Worker

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Bakery & Confectionary Workers International Union, No. 24, will take steps as soon as they are more completely organized in the candy industry, to establish a hiring hall and operate under the closed shop system. This step is considered necessary to control hiring and protect the union from boss-hired reactionaries.

Sacto. Bee Lies About Alaska Canner Union

SAN FRANCISCO—Due to an article that appeared in the Sacramento Bee, lies that the Alaska Canenry Workers' Union's books were open to take in 250 new member workers, from that city men are coming daily to the offices of the union asking for work.

It is believed by these workers that the anti-union Sacramento Bee put this article in the paper to get the unemployed workers out of that city and off the relief rolls.

The books of the union are closed and will not be open until late in March.

MORE OF WALL ST. HITLERISM

This Time It's "Christian Free Press" In L. A.

By a Worker Correspondent

LA CRESCENTA.—I found in my post office box a copy of "Christian Free Press," addressed simply "Boxholder, Local," indicating they are delivered wholesale to the post office and that institution attends to the distribution.

"Christian Free Press," editor unknown, is published in the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Bldg., headquarters of the labor - hating open - shoppers, whose principles (or lack of them) it advocates.

Chiefly it is devoted to attacks on President Roosevelt and his Administration, accusing them of subserviency to "the Jewish Agency and its financial organ, the Bank of International Settlements, to which Roosevelt is planning to mortgage the farms and industries of the nation."

Like Hitler—Against Unions

The President's stand on collective bargaining gives "Christian Free Press" the jitters. The paper states collective bargaining means strikes.

It is rather the refusal of employers to undertake collective bargaining that brings on strikes. The attitude of the L.A. Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants & Manufacturers Assn. is strike-breeding because these organizations are opposed to collective bargaining.

This anti-Roosevelt, anti-Jew, anti-union and, of course, anti-Communist publication must have some pretty rich backing to be able to finance its wholesale free distribution through the mail.

Figures Prove 15 Million Jobless In United States

By An Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO — Approximately 15 million persons were unemployed in November, 1936, according to the fifth annual unemployment estimate of Labor Research Assn., including 3,748,000 on WPA and other emergency relief jobs. Deducting this number leaves nearly 11,000,000 unemployed in the county.

The AFL stated 10,041,000 are unemployed.

The total of 15 million unemployed in America is calculated after various check-ups.

RED-BAITING NO SCARE TO FARM WOMAN

Would Have People's Lobby Bill Check Fingerprinting

By a Worker Correspondent

SACRAMENTO.—I have tried to find a representative of the People's Legislative Council in Sacramento, but without success.

I went to the Labor Temple and to the Teamsters and Chauffeurs Union, and the gentlemen there, no doubt the business agent, told me in a low confidential tone, "Lady, you don't want to go there, it's Communistic!"

"Red-Baiting" Doesn't Scare Her

I told him it didn't matter to me if they were Communistic, as long as they would interest themselves in getting correct weights for my farm products.

He sent me to the State Federation of Labor. I didn't go as I thought they would not be very interested in my problem, that of getting correct weights for our products through a law with teeth, being that they had not interested themselves in progressive measures outside of their own labor measures.

I also wanted to have a bill brought forward making it a crime to fingerprint anyone not convicted of crime above misdemeanors.

Hits Fingerprinting

Here in Sacramento is a chief of police who must be a jewel, since it was necessary for our Fascist-minded city manager to search throughout the U.S. and call on Mr. Edgar Hoover (the same Mr. Hoover who busies himself in catching little gangsters and little thieves), in order to find him.

In Sacramento also, the sheriff calls for volunteers to be fingerprinted—a move backed by the Chamber of Commerce. Employers are being fingerpinted. I presume next they will urge their employees to do the same on pain of being suspected of non-cooperation.

Why doesn't labor stop this from going any further? They would if the labor officials were progressive-minded.

Cost in Lives of Profit System

By a Worker Correspondent

PHITO, Mendocino County — We should think of the tremendous cost in human life, due to the Wall St. program of speed-up for profits and power.

I would mention a couple of families nearly wiped out in Visalia by typhoid due to no sanitation, hunger and cold. Also of an old man 60 years old, found starving to death and freezing between Tulare and Tipton, California. He had fainted by the roadside.

Then, too, there is the old man found frozen to death, or dead of hunger, on the train between Willits and Fort Bragg last December.

There are, of course, millions of such cases in America, where warehouses are piled high with all kinds of things to eat and wear and use.

PRAISES CIO



JOE CURRAN, leader of East and Gulf Coast seamen, who was in San Francisco the other day, told of the admiration seamen on East Coast have for achievements of the CIO.

WORKER BLASTS 'ANTI - FASCIST'

Scores L. A. Paper for Its Anti-Scviet Slanders

By a Spanish Worker

VACAVILLE. — In a recent issue of "El Anti-Fascista" of Los Angeles, an article appeared on the first page pertaining to the taking of Malaga, written by one Mr. Oria, one of the editors of same.

In this article he makes a vicious attack against the Soviet Union and Stalin.

Unpardonable Slander

Such vile slander emanating from a paper that calls itself anti-Fascist is unpardonable. The Soviet Union stands as the guiding light of the world working class in its struggle for peace and progress. It's the Soviet Union that is in the foremost ranks in the defense of Spanish Democracy, both morally and materially.

I ask Mr. Oria what nation was the first to unmask the neutrality farce, and what nation was the first and foremost in supplying the legal government with food, clothing and medical supplies?

What nation takes the lead in unmasking the Hitler and Mussolini violations of the neutrality pact?

Does Mr. Oria want the Soviet Union to send its armies and navy to Spain and take part in direct intervention, and give the mad wolves of Japan, Germany and Italy, backed up by world reaction, a chance to attack the Soviet Union and destroy the only workers' country in the world?

Trotzky would be tickled to death if such a thing would come to pass. I would like to suggest to the editors of El Anti-Fascista that if you permit this Trotzkyite poison to smear your paper, you will find yourself isolated from the masses and in the camp of counter-revolution and Fascism, together with the most despicable traitor and enemy of the working class.

Alameda Peoples' Lobby Hits Terror

OAKLAND — The Alameda County Council of the Peoples Legislative Conference has sent sharp protests to city, state and county officials against vigilante actions and police brutality recently displaced against strike pickets in Alameda and Niles.

Issues at I. S. U. Convention

S. F. LUGGAGE UNION PICKETS STOP SCABBING

Picket Ordinance Out But Cops Still Intimidating

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Luggage Workers' Union, Local No. 1, has been on strike since the first of March for the following demands:

40-hour week; $25 per week minimum pay; time and one-half for overtime.

It has finally succeeded, with the aid of some maritime workers, in forcing five of the scabs who obstinately refused to come out on strike with the rest of the workers, to get their paycheck and quit scabbing.

Scabs Forced To Quit

These five scabs were trailed, when they came out from the shop, by a group of luggage workers pickets and maritime workers who were assisting them, through the Mission St. traffic and finally trapped on a side street.

The scabs begged to be left alone. This was done when they showed their paychecks, saying that they had quit scabbing.

At the door of the shop in question, the Balkan Trunk and Suitcase Co., 946 Mission St., the police as usual were on hand to give the scabs protection, and to tell the pickets who were peacefully picketing, to go home and leave the scabs alone or they would be arrested.

Police Intimidation

When a maritime worker told the police that the anti-picketing law had been repealed and that he was an American citizen fighting for his bread and butter and for his fellow workers, the police did not attempt to arrest the pickets but just told them to refrain from violence, which was unnecessary to tell them.

In accord with one of the luggage workers on picket duty, the Balkan Trunk and Suitcase Co. had been working the men without pay on Saturday and straight time on Sunday.

The union is out for complete recognition as the legal agency for collective bargaining for all of its workers, and out to abolish un-American conditions existing in all the shops they work in.

Expect Victory

Most of these workers expect the shop operators to sign up in a few days, in view of the fact that no scabs are working now in any of the shops.

Waterfront workers have promised to give them assistance, when and if ever necessary as the luggage workers realize the importance of all unions sticking together to fight miserable conditions and exploitation.

FIRST TEXAS SIT-DOWN

HOUSTON — Texas' first sit-down strike began when 100 employes of the Emsco Derrick Co. pulled switches and shut down the plant. They ask wage raises and Machinists' Union recognition.

Have You Entered Contest?

Wouldn't you like to own "Soviet Communism," the $7.50-priced two volumes by Sidney and Beatrice Webb, that made history?

If you can write a letter, you have your big opportunity to own this invaluable work FREE! Just read the rules in the box, get out your pencil and start to work!

If you get stumped on how to write your entry, it's very simple to get straightened out. Write up a worker's correspondence story on your factory, your union, your farm area or your neighborhood and mail it in, with a bundle order for the issue your story will appear in. Then sell and distribute this issue among your fellow workers and neighbors, ask them how they like the "Western," then write up what they say.

It sounds simple, and it is. Get busy and send in your entry for the big prize contest!

Follow the Rules

1. Your entry is a letter to the Workers' Correspondence Editor, Western Worker, 121 Haight St., San Francisco, telling what the "Western" means to you and your fellow workers in factory, dock, ship, farm or neighborhood.

2. Letters must have name and address of writer. Names and addresses will NOT be published in the "Western."

3. Letters will be published from time to time on this page; write them as long as you please, but we may have to condense some of them for publication.

4. Letters must be postmarked before midnight, April 15, to be eligible.

Union Swampers and Drivers Win Their Demands in S.F.

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Vegetable and Fruit Workers Union, of which the truck drivers and swampers working for these houses are also members, will not go out on strike as was planned due to the fact their demands have been granted. The demands will be in effect March 15—continuation of 8-hour day, hiring hall, $33 minimum pay per week for a 48-hour week.

Soviet Armenia Film To Be Shown in L.A.

LOS ANGELES — The Soviet Armenian film, "Pepo," will be shown from noon to midnight for one day only, Sunday, March 21, at Roosevelt Theatre, 842 S. Main Street. Admission, 40 cents. Children 10 cents. The showing is sponsored by the Friends of Soviet Armenia.

SCHNEIDERMAN'S ANALYSIS OF MARITIME STRIKE GIVEN PRAISE BY "FRONT" WORKER

H. J. Mayes Gives Opinions on Convention of I.S.U. to be Held Soon (See "As We See It" Column, Page 4)

By H. J. Mayes,
Marine Cooks & Stewards' Union

AN FRANCISCO—I read William Schneiderman's brilliant analysis of the maritime strike with keen interest, as well as the role of the Communist Party in relation to the strike and the struggle for unity.

I believe that all fair-minded persons will agree that you have covered the question from all angles, displaying a marked restraint from personalities, and a truthful analysis, as it is possible to read.

Solidarity Pays Well

The question of the solidarity of the ranks of the Maritime Federation and the tremendous impetus given to the rest of organized labor is a point of marked significance, that will be demonstrated in the near future.

With regard to the struggles in the Maritime Federation, this is due to jealousy on the part of certain officials drunk with the wine of approbation from certain newspapers. This action is due to ignorance, or worse, as will be recognized in the policies of certain unions in swallowing the bait of the shipowners without pausing to see if there was any hook attached to it.

On the question of being "on guard" with reference to the policies to be adopted at the coming I.S.U. convention, it is of primary importance, as will be revealed in the coming ISU convention, and the role of some of the so-called "rank-and-file industrial union" officials that they will play at that particular convention. Right here is the only weak spot in your analysis.

On ISU Convention

It is not the intention of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific to fight against the restoration of the charter. On the contrary it is the very opposite.

The first order of business will be the restoration of the charter and there is going to be little or no opposition by the fakers on the East Coast. Why? Because the fakers are in a tough spot right now, and the logical action is to get the heat taken off and restored to good standing.

The next move will be to table any resolution sponsoring industrial unionism, as having no bearing on the present convention. This will create a stink but it will go over all right with the votes of the fakers.

Beware of Split in Ranks

The next move will be to attempt to secede from the Federation, and forming in its place an organization of crafts, strictly of the seafaring personnel. This, of course, is apparent, that it will not include the Longshoremen's Association. Here you have the longwaited split that will put over unless something is done in the meantime.

Concerning the Negro question, it is essential that the Communist Party carry on the fight against discrimination. Any attempt to segregate the Negroes on the West Coast, as was done in the East by Grange, must be bitterly contested, using all the instrumentalities at our command, as King David might put it.

For Farmer-Labor Party

As regards the vote played by the women in the strike, words fail me to express my admiration of their tireless efforts to lighten the burden of the strikers.

The question of the Farmer-Labor Party should have the support of the entire maritime groups, as the Democratic Party has failed the workers, despite the assertion that Roosevelt was going to show the way to a bigger and brighter day.

All things considered, I believe you have covered all the angles relative to the role of the Communist Party in the maritime strike, and we have nothing to be ashamed of. On the other hand, no one can point the finger of scorn at the Communist Party, and say they were weighed and found wanting.

Pamphlet Ready March 22

In conclusion, I maintain that you have written a masterful analysis. This is my honest opinion, and you can take it for what it is worth, and furthermore, I contend that the Party should publish the same in pamphlet form, as an historical document of the great maritime strike.

(Editor's Note: Comrade Schneiderman's articles will be published in pamphlet form, "The Pacific Coast Maritime Strike," off the press March 22.)

Editorial Note

For an analysis of the questions raised in this article by H. J. Mayes, see William Schneiderman's column: "As We See It," on Page 4 of this issue.

WOMEN'S DAY IN SANTA BARBARA

Report Workers' Alliance Is Growing In Sta. Barbara

By a Woman Worker Correspondent

SANTA BARBARA.—International Women's Day was celebrated at 208 West Canon Perdido St. on March 6, and the wide range of subjects handled emphasized women's struggle for equality of opportunity and the gains made by those of present day history in making the world safe for democracy.

Lenin's deep and far-reaching view of what could be accomplished by women, was the theme of the meeting.

One speaker ended her talk by quoting from Robert Whittaker's latest poem, "Madrid."

As a means to add to the Western Worker fund, Granville Hicks' book on John Reed was raffled, and of course we closed that part of the program with the singing of the Internationale.

Then the good cheer which the refreshments always bring, brought our meeting to a close.

A number of friends from the Workers' Alliance were present. We understand this group is making great headway in Santa Barbara and has a most efficient grievance committee.

Cal. Farm Bureau for Court Plan

OROVILLE, Butte County — Butte County farm bureau federation leaders have been given to understand by President W. R. Blackburn that the California Farm Bureau Federation will support the Roosevelt proposals for changes in the Supreme Court.

Ross Will Speak On Far East Events

SAN FRANCISCO.—Lawrence Ross, editor of the Western Worker, will speak on "Japan" in the first two open forums at the Communist Party Sunday Night Forum at 121 Haight St., February 21. Next Sunday Comrade Ross will speak on China.

Time of the forum is now 7:30 p.m. Late comers find that it starts exactly on time, according to Director Beatrice Kinkead who expects the audience to form the habit of being prompt.

An audience of ninety heard Dr. Edward J. Livingstone speak on the Supreme Court March 14. Speakers for future occasions include John Powell, acting head of the Meikeljohn School, April 4; and Rabbi Jacob Weinstein, date to be announced.

Redwood Empire Is "Green Hell" for Workers

By a Worker Correspondent

PHITO, Mendocino County — Let us think of the great Redwood Empire — home of the everlasting redwood. This county is supposed to be a little Arcadia, a bit of paradise tucked away among laughing brooks, singing birds, evergreen forests and verdant hills, where people live in peace and plenty all the days of their life.

As a matter of fact, it is a "green hell' and always has been. Into these hills came the Spanish dons with dogs, lariats and guns to hunt the poor Indians for slaves. In these hills hibernated Black Bart and his gang, who were the profiteers and financiers of the early days—true executives who let others do the work while Bart and his gang took the credit and the profit, with their six-guns and rifles.

Cattle Kings' Era

In these hills lived White, the cattle king, who murdered settlers to build a cattle empire, until a lot of ex-soldiers from the Confederate and Union armies took a notion to settle in Round Valley. Then occurred a war on a small scale, whereby the White gang went down in blood and gun smoke on the saloon steps in Longvale.

In these hills the lumber barons stole claims by the hundreds from unsuspecting settlers who made all improvements, cabins, fences, barns, and overstayed their leave a day or a week when away working for a winter grub stake and came back to find a company scab holding their property with a gun.

Old O'Neil, a surveyor who knew all claims open and being settled, made a business of placing scab setllers on claims to steal them for these lumber barons. An old man lives in Boonville now, who lost a wonderful timberclaim that way—Tony Bloker.

Frontier Methods

This backfired for the L. E. Lumber Co. of Greenwood Calif. This company put a gang of gunmen on a claim belonging to Bishop from Point Arena. Bishop was an old-timer with the cunning, courage and resources of the old-time frontiersman, also with their disregard for human life. So a few days later Bishop appeared at the office in Greenwood, herding a dozen very frightened and terrified gunmen with a 30-30.

He succeeded in convincing both the officials and the gunmen that crime didn't pay in his own particular case. Just how he did it no one will ever know.

These methods of legal robbery through the law courts built the great timber holdings of Mendocino County.

Lumber Robber Barons

The lumber barons are responsible for the name and fame of the timber beast—the men who are driven half insane by living in a miserable, lonely, dark and dreary canyon, eating poor food, sleeping in a cold, damp and dirty cabin.

The lumber barons curse, the foreigner as a traitor to Wall St. and wish to send him back to Europe — from where they brought them to work in these woods for $20 a month, because they had to pay the "Blue Nose" and the Irish $60 to $100. Yes, they brought men who talked in Swedish, Italian, Portuguese, so they wouldn't talk and associate with the oldtime woodsmen and so forced wages down, down, down—and profits up!

Good Union Men Now

The irony of it is some of the grandsons of these wage slaves brought from Europe, really are fighting bravely for the working man now. The sons and grandsons of these men have forced the company here to give them better wages and conditions.

However, hundreds perished from poor food, poor shelter and the lack of any safety devices or rules. They were fed "shell cows" (really T. B., I know now), "old bulls" and other low quality food. They had no butter, no sugar, and had to furnish bedding and build a bunk of boughs and limbs. They worked 14 hours or more per day, Sunday and all.

This timber work, in those days with bulls, jack screws and skit-roads, was entirely different to the machinery logging now. It was terrible, beastly, miserable, yet profitable to the lumber barons.

"Green Hell" for Workers

Yes, the Redwood Empire has always been a "green hell" for the working man, and no mistake.

Here now are growing up the dude ranch and the secluded auto camp—where strange men in large cars stop in, accompanied by very beautiful girls, some painted hard-looking and others starry-eyed kids, and drink, live the life of the money hog a few days here, and are gone back into the city. What a mess!

These are the men who get up in Rotarian, Chamber of Commerce and church meetings to talk on the moral decadence and downfall of the young men and women of our age! How well they know!

Workers Go Hungry

These are the hills where the game warden, like the gamekeeper of the middle ages, hired and tipped by the millionaire game clubs of Frisco, L. A. and other big cities, searches houses of the starving woodsmen or jackrabbit ranchers for a fish or a deer. And if the warden finds meat or fish, the poor man is forced to pay a fine of $50 or $150 or go to jail. Yes—go to jail!

Yet when the rich sportsmen come up, he kills many deer — any deer, as he can't tall a fawn from a buck in many cases — lets the does and fawns rot, and carries many bucks to San Francisco, where, being spoiled by hauling so far, they are thrown away.

Come all ye fools and live in the Redwood Empire—the Green Hell of Northern California!

Johnson Starts Whirlwind Campaign for L. A. Council

VICTORY OVER REACTIONARIES SPURS ACTIVITY

L.A. Labor Attorney States Position On Issues

LOS ANGELES—With setting up of neighborhood committees and headquarters at 1453 Sunset Blvd., initial steps have been taken in the campaign of Grover Johnson, progressive labor attorney, for election to the City Council, 13th District.

New life-blood was injected into the campaign when Johnson won a smashing victory, March 9th, with City Clerk Dominguez ordered to place his name on the ballot.

Reactionary forces, headed by the corrupt political machine built up by incumbent Councilman Darwin Tate—Johnson's only opponent—had resorted to intimidation and kidnapping of Sally Egner, one of Johnson's petition circulators, in an effort to keep him off the ballot.

Threatened with prison, Mrs. Egner had signed an affidavit cancelling her registration, and Dominguez had disqualified Johnson. The court ruled, however, that the cancellation of registration did not affect the petitions as they had been filed a week before she cancelled her registration.

Many civic and political leaders have rallied around Johnson's campaign. As well as progressive and liberal organizations and trade unionists.

In an interview with a Western Worker representative, Johnson declared: "I believe and will fight for the right of labor to organize, strike, and picket."

Fights Anti-Picket Laws

Councilman Stephen Cunningham is trying to extend the anti-picketing ordinance. Johnson will fight for "repeal of anti-picketing laws as well as continual opposition to any moves for strengthening of those laws. And "I will fight for the right of free press, peaceful assemblage, and all rights guaranteed under the constitution."

Johnson's opponent, the reactionary Tate, is chairman of the Planning Commission and is notorious for "spot" zoning which has permitted factories and slaughterhouses to be built in residential areas.

Will Hit Privileged Interests

"It is common knowledge that many such privileges are extended to private interests without official meeting of the Planning Commission," Johnson declared.

Johnson will fight to retain the present license tax. Tate on January 6 voted to repeal it which would have thrown an additional burden of $1,250,000 on property owners.

Johnson will vigilantly oppose spending of public funds for promotion of private enterprises or for sending public "leaders" on junketing trips. When Wm. May Garland, real estate operator, wanted to take the Olympic flags to Berlin last summer, Tate voted for a $2000 appropriation for his expenses.

Aid for Transients

Recognizing that a special transient problem confronts California, Johnson will advocate federal grants to care for transients in California without means of existence. Johnson stated: "A local problem, if we are to retain democracy, cannot be cured by setting aside provisions of the constitution. Therefore, all persons must be afforded full constitutional rights of ingress and egress to and from the state of California and must be treated as human beings with the best means that can be provided by the city until such a time as Federal aid can be obtained."

Johnson's campaign committee is planning neighborhood meetings and rallies, with literature exposing in full the corrupt tactics of the Tate machine.

Thousands Protest Ban on Collections To Aid Spain Govt.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Thousands of letters and postcards protesting the proposed ban on collecting contributions for Spain have been received by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

During a few days 2000 postcards alone came in. Many of the messages also protested the application of embargoes in event of a civil war.

The McReynolds neutrality bill includes the ban on "soliciting or collecting contributions," and is directly aimed against the legal democratic Spanish government.

Two Heroes of Labor—Fight For Them!



TOM MOONEY'S FIGHT for freedom is in its critical stage, and so is that of Angelo Herndon, young Negro working class leader facing an 18-20 year Georgia chain gang sentence. The fight for them must be redoubled by labor.

LABOR AND POLITICS
In California and Nationally

By John Broman

Los Angeles

Dear Comrades:

In your March 11 issue, under "Bribery Rumors in Legislature," is reported Senator Culbert L. Olson's proposed amendment to the State Constitution abolishing the Senate and providing for a one-house Legislature. The item comments: "Olson's measure would establish 80 assembly districts and 40 state senate districts."

This comment might lead the reader to infer that the people's representation would be curtailed. As a matter of fact, the existence of the Senate ("House of Lords") is in itself too often a curtailment of representation, by its veto power over the Assembly ("House of Commons"). Senator Olson should be commended for his proposal.

Comradely yours, P. W.

We Infer Just That . . .

The "Western" meant just what it said in that article. Democracy would be curtailed under this proposed legislative set-up; and Senator Olson should NOT be commended.

This proposed set-up, however, needs clarification. The writer correctly points out the reactionary character of the present State Senate, which is dominated by the Republican Party. But up until the last elections, the Assembly was also Republican-controlled and even now only has a small bloc of truly progressive members.

The Senate is a representative body, and therefore the people can vote out the reactionaries and put in real progressive labor men, if they organized to do so. Of course, only a powerful Farmer-Labor Party in California can elect a majority of labor progressives, men who would truly be responsible to the people.

Improvements Are In Order . . .

Of course, some real improvements can be made in the present legislative set-up, to make it more responsive to the will of the people.

For example, we would favor an amendment which would cut the term of office in the State Senate from four to two years.

And we would also favor reallotment of the senatorial districts to provide that each State Senator would represent approximately the same population, instead of as at present, where Los Angeles County has but one State Senator for almost 3,000,000 population, while other districts only contain a few hundred thousand people.

Communist Leadership . . .

A typical example of Communist leadership on the political field, as well as on the economic field, was shown in San Francisco on March 9 when a Communist convinced the other members of the deck gang of the steam schooner Wapama, to knock off at 8:30 a.m. in order to vote for repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance.

NEW STEEL LOCAL

NEWARK, N. J.—Workers at the Atha Works of the Crucible Steel Co. here were chartered as Lodge 1289 of the Amalgamated Steel Union.

Municipal Election Stand of Labor Council in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—With exception of two recommendations, the Central Labor Council last Friday night accepted by a majority oral vote the joint executive board's recommendations for candidates in the coming municipal elections.

A progressive amendment to accept the recommendations with the exception of Gordon L. McDonough for mayor, and the reactionary Darwin W. Tate, City Council incumbent, who is opposing Grover Johnson in the 13th District, was voted down by 130-57.

Labor Unity Move

J. W. Gillette, Musicians' Union, presented a resolution asking Roosevelt to call a meeting of Wm. Green, AFL president, and John Lewis, CIO chairman, with the aim of restoring and preserving unity in the labor movement. It was unanimously adopted.

Recommendations follow:

For mayor, Gordon L. McDonough, present supervisor; for city attorney, Judge Irvin Taplin; for board of education, John Dalton, C. W. Pierce, J. Paul Elliot, and Newton Van Why.

Two candidates for municipal courts recommended so far, are Lucius P. Green, Office No. 4; and the reactionary, anti-labor incumbent, Arthur Guerin, Office No. 8.

Candidates recommended for city council are H. J. Alberti, District 2; Richard R. Burke, 3; Ted Merrill, 5; Will Kindig, 7; G. Vernon Bennett, incumbent, 10; Ernest O. Voight, 11; Darwin W. Tate, incumbent, 13; Edwin L. Thrasher, incumbent, 14; Fred A. Draper, 15.

Buzzell Red-Baits

Council Secretary J. W. Buzzell declared Tate had proved himself a "friend of labor."

"We have two men," he said, "one, who has time and again proved himself to be a friend of labor. On the other hand, we have a man, a well known attorney here in the city, who supports and works with the Communists.

"I do not think that the time has come," he added, "when the labor movement can afford to, or this Council should, vote for a Communist."

Delegate Exposes Tate

Delegate Baron, Fur Workers' Union, outlined attempts made by corrupt political interests—fostered by the notorious Tate machine—to keep Johnson's name off the ballot, showing how fraud, intimidation, and kidnaping had been used.

Proving Tate is no "friend of labor," Baron pointed to anti-labor votes by Tate in the council, such as voting against an amendment to the proposed franchise for the Associated Telephone Co., Wilmington, which would have enforced the right to collective bargaining.

Another anti-labor vote Tate made was his vote for a charter amendment to blanket in under civil service the Fascist-minded police chief Davis—virtually assuring him a life-long term.

TROTZKYISTS ARE FLAYED BY SOCIALIST

Bridgeport Alderman Resigns from S. P. In Protest

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 9. — Michael Gratt, Socialist alderman, denounced the Trotskyites in the Socialist Party today in his resignation from the party.

His letter of resignation follows:

"I have been asked to state why I have left the Socialist Party of the U. S. A. Many others have addressed the same inquiry to me.

Urges Saving of S. P.

"Because I feel that the crisis in the Socialist Party is the affair of all sincere and progressive workers I am making this statement with the hope that sincere Socialists will become aware, of the necessity of acting immediately to save the Socialist Party from complete disintegration and falsification.

"When the Socialist Party in Connecticut split at the convention in Hartford last summer, I remained loyal to the left-wing despite the fact that every other city official went with the right-wingers, with the exception of Alderman Silverston. I believed at that time that the Socialist Party, having broken with the Old Guard, would now become an active force at the head of the labor movement. Now I must admit that I was disillusioned.

"As the first town chairman of the Socialist Party (Left Wing) in Bridegport I sought to institute a policy of cooperating with the McLevy administration on all points where the proposals of the administration coincided with the best interests of the masses. This together with the possibility of uniting the two parties and all other progressive forces around a program of progressive legislation were the thoughts uppermost in my mind.

Hits Disunity

But the left wing saw nothing but their personal political disappointments and their personal hatred for McLevy. And rather than have the Socialist Party act as the unifier of all progressive forces, they insisted on devising means of embarrasing the Administration.

"This policy of direct opposition to unified action for the best interest of the masses is typical Trotzkyism. I could not stomach this policy.

In the State executive committee, I was the only one who voted against the admission of the Trotzkyites, who, because of their history, I knew as professional disrupters and as enemies of the working class.

Trotzkyists' Role of Disruption

Two weeks after my unsuccessful opposition, I received a vitriolic letter from Bernarnd Wolf, present American secretary to Leon Trotzky, denouncing me as a Communist and openly stating that they (the Trotzkyites) wanted to get into the Socialist Party to prevent the united front between the Socialist and Communist parties. These are the reasons why I left the Socialist Party.

Urges Purging of Trotzkyists

"The Socialist Party will be holding a convention soon. There they will have an opportunity to drive out of their ranks the Trotzkyites, these enemies of Socialism and to embark on the road of militant aggressive Socialist leadership and on the road to united front such as the French and Spanish Socialist parties have done. If and when this takes place I will resume my position in the Socialist Party once again."

ASK INQUIRY

GROTON, Conn.—The Marine and Shipbuilding Union has asked for a congressional inquiry into the financial and labor policies of the struck Electric Boat Corp.

American Labor Party Picketed Assemblyman

NEW YORK CITY — The New York State Assembly refused to ratify the Child Labor Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, but not until after a strong fight had been put up in the interests of the amendment.

In the 10th Assembly District here, the American Labor Party branch picketed the home of Republican Assemblyman Herbert Brownell, Jr., demanding he support the amendment.

TROTZKYISM HIT BY RESOLUTION AT CONVENTION

Monterey County C.P. Shows Up Anti-Labor Trotzkyites

The disruptive, counter-revolutionary role of the Trotzkyites, in the American labor movement as all over the world, was scored in a resolution adopted by the Monterey County convention of the Communist Party on March 14, as follows:

"Whereas: In the recent trials held in the Soviet Union, the Trotzkyite groups were proved to be beyond a doubt outright murderers of the outstanding leaders of the working class, and also to have direct connections with the Fascist mad dogs of Germany, Italy and Japan, and

"Whereas: It is now becoming a national question in the United States on the issue of the Trotzkyites' role in the American labor movement because of their disruptive tactics and slanderous attacks on all militant working-class leaders who are seeking to stem the Fascist tide in America, and

"Whereas: We can witness the every day attempts of the kept press to repeat their vicious attacks against the strong sentiment for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party, thus proving the Trotzkyites openly to be fighting in the interests of the capitalist class and against the working class, and

"Whereas: The Communist Party of Monterey County has come into contact with the Trotzkyite elements in the agricultural fields and witnessed their continual disruptive tactics in isolating the Mexican and the Filipino from entering into the AFL for the purpose of raising their miserable living and working conditions, by the Trotzkyite policy of dual unionism, now therefore

"Be It Resolved: That the Monterey County Convention of the Communist Party hails the verdict of the proletarian court of the Soviet Union against the 17 Trotzkyites on trial recently as a blow against world Fascism and for the safeguarding of socialist construction in the Soviet Union, and be it further

"Resolved: That we denounce the Trotzkyites no matter under what label they seek to disguise themselves as irreconcilable and natural enemies of the working class, and pledge ourselves to do everything possible to expose them as such and isolate and drive them out of the labor movement."

Anti-Spotter Bill In the Assembly

SACRAMENTO—The Assembly "labor and capital" committee has recommended passage of the Hawkins-Miller "anti-spotter" bill AM No. 269.

The bill provides that when a detective or spotter is employed to spy on workers, the workers shall be confronted by such informers before being subjected to discharge or any discriminatory action.

Farmer-Labor Party Wins Clean Sweep in New Hampshire City

BERLIN, N. H.—The Farmer-Labor Party made a clean sweep of municipal elections here in New Hampshire's northernmost city, re-electing Mayor Arthur J. Bergeron to his third term and winning a majority in the city council. The Farmer-Labor Party got a decisive majority in all four wards.

A HUMAN CHAIN

PHILADELPHIA — Sit-down strikers at the Franklin and Seder department store here saved themselves from eviction by locking arms and refusing to move.

PARTY LIFE NOTES—HOW TO RECRUIT

Two Reports Given at Party Builders' Congress

Report by Saunders, Waterfront Section, San Francisco.

Important results were shown on the Waterfront during the Recruiting Drive, but the results of the outlying sections prove that we are beginning to penetrate to the American workers and reach them where they live and work.

On the Waterfront we had a tough job, with a strike on our hands and a recruiting drive, but we were able to make them go hand in hand. Because we had such a tough fight, more recruits came in than we could take care of.

Finally, we were able to establish a school where over 100 seamen and others went through classes twice a week. Everyone got a fundamental idea of our Party and what it stands for. The weakness was that only 100, out of 326 recruits went to school.

Judging New Comrades .

We have been crying for leadership, and scared to push our new recruits to the front, with the result that we didn't trust anyone.

We should judge our recruits on the basis of their willingness to work and their political understanding, and we have more and more of such comrades coming to the fore. The waterfront won't be handicapped by lack of leadership.

Push the "Western"

Now we are faced with the need for giving education and help to our new comrades. They would sit in the unit meeting and never say a word, and they would sit in the Union meeting and wouldn't say anything either. As a result, we would have a fraction of 50, but only 3 would speak in the Union. We therefore began to encourage them to express themselves in unit and fraction meetings, and as a result they are now taking the floor in all the Unions, and the Lundbergites are very desperate.

In all this, the Western Worker is most important. The state has given 21,000 copies of the Western Worker to the Waterfront Section, all of which have been given out. This has done more than any other single thing to maintain solidarity, to bring our program to the maritime workers, to expose the disruptive role of the Trotzkyites, and has brought recruits to our Party. We appreciate and understand what the Western has done to help us win our Strike. We therefore propose:

1. That our comrades go back to the units and branches and make their first task the leadership for the sucessful conclusion of the Western Worker Drive. We will do it on the Waterfront, and we want you comrades to do it too. Go back and call a meeting and lay concrete plans for putting the Drive over 100%. Each comrade should set an example by adopting a personal quota and making certain that it is fufilled.

Report by Citron, Waterfront Section, San Pedro, Recruited 17.

I also represent the Waterfront Section, but in San Pedro. I want to report a personal experience in this Drive. The Drive started in September, but for me personally, it didn't start till January, due to the fact that I was sick. But in two Sundays I recruited 171 members, and the composition of these is 14 fishermen, 4 longshoremen, 2 seamen, and 3 youth.

The easiest thing is to recruit. First of all I ask the worker what he does, and having a little knowledge of the conditions in the trade, I point out that in order to have a good union we must have Communists within the union to conduct its work and give it guidance, and on this basis it is easy to recruit them.

In San Pedro we have a peculiar situation. We have established a school for seamen with an attendance of 25, and I don't think that any student is over 25 years of age. We could have more, but we have no larger place to hold the school. One of our problems is to find places where to meet. Our Party is a legal Party and there is no reason why we can't come out in the open.

In one evening I recruited 17 members, when the Fishermen's Union was being organized. That shows we can have lots more than 4000 members by May 1st. Party Builders must set an example to the new members on how to recruit.

Bare S.F. Housing Dangers!

SAN FRANCISCO. — Subnormal living conditions in obsolete buildings and houses, constitute the lot of 40 percent of San Francisco's population, it was revealed in a survey conducted by relief workers in four sections of the city.

Last year the S.F. fire chief declared that if present fire laws were enforced, 50 percent of the city's dwellings would have to be torn down.

The survey did not include Chinatown or North Beach, where housing conditions are notoriously bad.

88% Violate Law

Hotels and rooming - house structures in the Western Addition-Panhandle district are particularly dangerous, the survey revealed, 88 percent containing violations of the state housing act.

Many families with children eat and sleep in the same room. Sixty-six percent of all families with children live in one to three-room apartments.

In this area 1995 buildings need repairs and 510 are unfit for occupancy.

Geiger's "Remedy"

Mission - Twin Peaks area showed conditions nearly as bad.

The survey was made for the Dept. of Public Health, but Health Director J. C. Geiger proposed only one "remedy" for the situation—that "private enterprise should be encouraged in large scale housing programs."

Officials claimed the city "is now free from any location which may properly be described as "slums"!

The housing inspection division of the department brought forward the "excuse" that it needs a larger building inspection force.

Widespread Violations of Law

The Workers' Alliance demands that the federal and state governments appropriate funds for large scale slum clearance and erection of low-rent housing projects.

Violations of the state housing act include unsafe buildings; overcrowding; eating and sleeping in the same room; lack of proper sanitary facilities, use of basement apartments, and the dangerous use of rubber tubing.

Many workers died during last winter's cold, due to use of gas heaters and rubber tubing for gas conveyance.

Sen. P.G.E. Silly SAYS

"I well remember the speech I made that got me elected, back in 1916. I was talking to the Chamber of Commerce and I said:

"'My opponent, Senator S. P. Shortchange, has had his hand in the public treasury for 20 years. All I ask is that you give me a chance.'"

Labor Plans Fight On Child Labor in New York Elections

NEW YORK CITY—American Labor Party will make child labor a cardinal issue in the coming fall elections, declared Luigui Antonini, state chairman of the party, who charged many state assemblymen had flouted the will of the voters in voting against the Child Labor Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

"The American Labor Party is preparing to use all its power and influence to see that those assemblymen are defeated at the polls to be replaced by those who really represent the will of the people," said Antonini.

LABOR SLATE CHALKS WIN IN SEATTLE

The Commonwealth Fed. Candidate Is Elected

SEATTLE — Hugh DeLacy, Washington Commonwealth Federation candidate, endorsed by organized labor swept into office in a clean-cut victory in city elections here. He received more than 50,000 votes for city councilman.

Other labor-endorsed candidates elected to the city council were Wm. L. Norton and James Scavatto. James Duncan, Laborite School Board member, was returned by a big majority.

Labor's candidates defeated two members of the reactionary Order of Cincinnatus—Wm. H. Whiteside and David E. Lockwood.

The banker's refinance proposal for the city-owned trolley system was defeated by 14,000 votes

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SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

DO YOU KNOW how Pierpont Morgan died? He starved to death.

I'm not kidding you. That's a sober fact.

Of course, I don't mean the present J. P. Morgan. I mean his father who introduced trusts, syndicates and holding companies to America; obtained practical monopolies on the railroads, the steel industry and life insurance; who dominated banking and ruled Wall Street like a dictator; manipulated hundreds of millions of dollars, gathered unto himself half the art treasures of the universe, endowed churches and starved to death in Rome in 1913.

This fact seems to me the greatest irony in history. Here was a man who starved millions in the process of piling up a mountain of wealth between himself and hunger, and who ended up by starving to death himself.

Of course, it was not want or poverty that starved Morgan. At the time of his death, fresh eggs and butter were being sent to him all the way from his Cragston farm at Highland Falls. It was only that at the age of seventy-five his throat muscles ceased to function and he could not swallow. Liquid nourishment was injected into him, but his body refused to assimilate it. For several days he lay in a semi-comatose state, slowly wasting away, while friends, relatives and flunkies stood at his bedside weeping into lace handkerchiefs. On Monday, March 31, 1913, at five minutes past noon, he died of starvation.

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THIS WAS THE MAN whose acquisitive powers shook the earth as the tentacles of his influence reached out in all directions gathering up mines, plants, acres, railroads and industrial empires with the east of a cyclone.

"Life" magazine, in the day when it was a leading comic weekly, once published a cartoon, under which it said:

"Q. Who made the world, Charles?"

"A. God made the world in 4004 B. C., but it was reorganized in 1901 by James J. Hill, J. Pierpont Morgan, and John D. Rockefeller."

An enormous, bald-headed man with a huge bulbous nose and shaggy walrus mustaches, he loved beauty and could not stand having anyone around him who was not good looking. Seated in conference with his henchmen, he looked like a vulture squatting among doves.

In 1901, E. H. Harriman and J. P. Morgan battled each other for control of the nation's railroads. They sat in their offices hurling million dollar thunderbolts which rocked the nation and bankrupted thousands of small business men. In their eagerness to ruin one another they almost ruined the nation by precipitating one of the most terrible financial panics in history. Men blew their brains out, children starved and women wept while the two great giants of Wall Street tore at each other's throats.

The following year, prompted by tremendous public anger against the monopolists, President Theodore Roosevelt brought suit against Morgan under the terms of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. Morgan fumed with rage and intrenched himself behind the Supreme Court which, in 1895, had made a decision favoring monopolies in the famous Knight case.

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WALL STREET attacked Roosevelt with a barrage of epithets. They decried him as a radical and accused him of "flouting the Supreme Court."

"The man's a lunatic," declared Morgan. "He is worse than a Socialist. I'd even vote the Democratic ticket to get that fellow out of the White House. If he had his way, we'd all do business with glass pockets."

Roosevelt wrote later in his autobiography: "It was necessary to reverse the Knight case in the interest of the people against monopoly and privilege just as it had been necessary to reverse the Dred Scott case in the interest of the people against slavery and privilege."

Concerning Feminine Clothes For Spring, and a Limited Budget

LILLIAN BRADLEY

SPRING clothes ballyhoo is in full swing for the year—tnis time it's "thistle and navy"—purple-pink and dark blue, in plain talk. It's a lovely combination; but if you sink your clothes budget in a thistle and navy outfit now, along about the end of the summer, your dress will be dated "last spring."

If you're lucky enough to have a little money to spend on clothes, plan your clothes economically. If you don't make your clothes already, for goodness, sake, start now. For a minimum cost, you can have clothes that last longer, look better, and suit your type better than ready-made clothes.

With An Eye to Future Wear

For instance, at a cost of less than five dollars, you can make a two-piece dress of navy sheer crepe with collar and cuffs of white organdy. Get a simple pattern, with plain sleeves and neckline that can be adapted to a different collar-and-cuff set next fall. The skirt should be flared, without pleats, so that it can be worn with a dressy, spring blouse, or a tailored jacket.

At a total cost of less than $11 you can make the two-piece foundation dress of dark wool, a blouse and jacket for afternoon, and a sport jacket-blouse to be worn with the skirt. The trim dark dress trimmed in crisp white is an ideal outfit for general wear; however, if you work or get about frequently, you will want variety.

For afternoon I would suggest something more colorful and distinctive. Here is where the not-too-sporty dark skirt of your dress is useful. Wear it with a feminine blouse of thistle acerate crepe or georgette, and, if you have it, a piece of suitable costume jewelry. Buy enough extra wool to make one of the little short-sleeved boleros being worn now. This, worn over the short-sleeved crepe blouse, may have lining or revers of the crepe. And when "thistle and navy" is out of style, the blouse can be worn with another skirt, and the bolero (the trimming removed) can be worn with the navy skirt and a colored blouse.

Something Sporty In Colors

So far, a dark dress for general wear, and a timely afternoon costume. How about something a little more sporty? Try making a simple tailored jacket-blouse buttoning down the front like a waist-coat, with a snug-fitting bodice. I saw one very attractive model with v-neck, long sleeves, and high patch pockets. When you choose your material (narrow-wale corduroy, or velveteen), forget about colors that are "good this year" or that you've "always worn." Pick out several bright, clear colors, and try them in front of a mirror until you find the right one. Whatever you choose—vermilion, chartreuse, electric blue, lemon, or cherry-red—it should be a shade that brings out the best in your coloring. With this jacket, wear a white pique ascot scarf tucked into the v-neck, and you have an outfit as smart and colorful as it is inexpensive.

Further suggestions are endless. If you knit, by all means add a gray sweater and a red kerchief scarf. For the office or school girl, a pink or yellow linen blouse is invaluable for warm weather.

In the next edition of the Western Worker, I will itemize the expenses of making this spring outfit, and take up the question of the accessories to be worn with it.

John Spivak, Famed Journalist, Speaks In L.A. Next Week

LOS ANGELES — Author of many a clear-cut, vivid expose of the ruthless, Fascist forces seeking to undermine American democracy, John Spivak, noted journalist, will speak at Philharmonic Auditorium, Monday evening, March 22, and Wednesday evening, March 24.

Under auspices of the Modern Forum, Spivak will talk Monday on "Europe Aground and Underground," and Wednesday on "It Can Happen Here."

Soviet Dancer to Give Recital

Pauline Koner, foremost Soviet concert dancer, will make her Pacific Coast debut at the Los Angeles Biltmore Theater



Thursday night, March 25, followed by a second recital at the same theater at a Saturday matinee, March 27.

She will give a recital in San Francisco at the Curran Theater at a Sunday matinee, April 4. Miss Koner comes to California directly from the Kamerny Theater, Moscow. This is her first American tour.

Your Health

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

"The Itch"

DEAR DOCTOR: I have been troubled for two years with what the doctor called scabies.

W. K.

Answer: If the diagnosis is correct, the following treatment will almost certainly clear up the condition.

Scabies, commonly called "the itch," is caused by a small mite which burrows into the skin. The disease is contracted by personal contact, or contact with infested clothing or bed linen. The condition is not difficult to cure, but treatment must be carried out carefully according to directions.

1. The first evening, take a tub bath with tincture of green soap using a flesh brush to rub the tops from all lesions. Dry yourself well.

2. Apply one-third of the ointment to the entire body surface from the neck down, being careful to cover the entire skin surface. Lesions are never found above the neck, except in young infants.

3. The next morning, apply another third of the ointment from the neck down.

4. That evening, apply the rest of the ointment to the same region.

5. The next morning take a tub bath with tincture of green soap and water. Dry yourself well and cover the body with talcum powder.

6. Change all sheets and pillow cases, and place the rest of the bed clothing out to air, if possible.

7. Put on clean underclothing and hang outer clothing, such as coats and suits out to air, if possible.

8. If itching persists, under no consideration apply any more ointment without first seeing your physician.

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How Many Did You Answer?

1—The Ruef-Schmitz machine. Schmitz was nominally mayor, but Abe Ruef was the real leader of the organization.

2—The obtaining by Collis P. Huntington and the Central Pacific Railroad monopoly of large government subsidies in 1864, to build a railroad between Sacramento and Donner Pass, which actually those who obtained the subsidies had no intention of building.

3—In 1841, seven years before the gold rush, Francis Lopez, a native Californian, discovered gold in the Santa Feliciana Canon of the San Fernando Hills.

4—The Chaffey brothers, in Ontario in 1882.

5—In the fall of 1863. Springs and water holes dried up; the great ranges were eaten bare of every kind of feed. Three-fourths of all the cattle in Los Angeles County perished.

Theater Notes

Skits for Sitdowners—Steel—Mice and Men—A Coastwise Confab

You eagerly followed the dramatic course of the General Motors sit-down strike. You experienced the recent maritime strike. And you certainly know about the tremendous wave of organization in steel. But have you heard—

Of the Detroit Contemporary Theatre, which performed skits in union halls jammed with strikers?

Or did you ever see the Union Recreation Center, packed to the rafters with enthusiastic and vocal strikers at the Wednesday night skits of the S. F. Theater Union? Or did you hear the four nights weekly broadcasts of the Maritime Unions, with the same actors taking part? Or maybe the Seattle Repertory Playhouse benefit performance for the Unions?

And did you know that two companies are being sent into steel towns of the East to give John Wexley's play, "Steel," by the ILGWU and other unions?

Taken all together—with the Federal Theaters, and the young New York companies bucking Broadway competition with socially minded plays—it adds up to one thing. You're bound to see the growth of a theater which is rooted in the very vitals of the common people. The American people are going to take the theater for their own, and make of it an honest-to-God son of the people instead of an artificial plaything of the rich.

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Pacific Coast Panorama . . .

Coming home to current theater events we find:

A Pacific Coast New Theater League Conference to be held in San Francisco May 15th and 16th. Theaters in Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, and Los Angeles have received a call issued by the S. F. Council of the New Theater League inviting them to participate. The conference is endorsed by the Repertory Playhouse and Experimental Players of Seattle, the S. F. Theater Union, and the East Bay Theater Union.

"Mice and Men", a dramatized version of the John Steinbeck novel, and "Bury the Dead," will be S. F. Theater Union productions for the next few months. "Mice and Men"—scheduled for the middle of April, is considered an experiment by Steinbeck and the Theater Union, and should be interesting.

"Bury the Dead," for which San Francisco rights have at last been granted, will open May 15th, co-incidentally with the opening of the New Theater League Conference.

"Path of Flowers" by Katayev, the Russian dramatist, is in rehearsal by the Pine Street Players, and will be seen by San Francisco audiences within the next month. It is a comedy ridiculing the flowery, high-flown type of Soviet intellectual, and is a new type of play for the Pine Street Players. It remains to be seen if Director Phil Mathias and his actors are capable of understandingly interpreting the satirical self-criticism of the play.

East Bay Theater Union is rehearsing "Triple A Plowed Under," for early production.

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Among the Federal Theaters . . .

Ernst Toller, now writing for the movies in Hollywood, has written a new play, "No More Peace," which will be produced by the Federal Theaters.

The Los Angeles Federal Theater has a variety of productions running, six in all, ranging from musical revues to the classic, but the one that sounds most interesting is the Paul Green play, "The House of Connelly," now at the Mayan.

"Touch of Brimstone," current S. F. Federal Theater offering at the Columbia, is pretty piddling fare after the thrilling "Battle Hymn."

Note . . .

Herb Kline, former editor of New Theater (have you seen the New Theater & Film) resigned in January, in order to take up correspondent work with the Loyalist forces in Spain. Which is a reminder. What about the New Theater League theaters on this coast, which have a program against fascism, doing something to defeat fascism in Spain? There've been New Theater nights for a lot of other causes.

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Commercial . . .

If you can afford it, you'll get a lot of fun out of "Tovarich," which opens Monday night at the Curran in San Francisco, and later in Los Angeles. It's a lot of frothy nonsense about a pair of noble Russian exiles who take service as butler and maid in a wealthy home, and according to all reports, is the season's outstanding contribution to merriment.

The only other possibility in what seems to be a very dull commercial theater scene is the perennial, "Boy Meets Girl," at the Los Angeles El Captain.

Do you want this theater column to appear in every Friday issue hereafter? If so, send a line to the editor.

And while you're at it, would you like to see an exclusive movie column written by a competent Hollywood writer for the Western Worker? One that not only tells who your favorite movie star makes eyes at, but how he or she lines up in the fight against Fascism?

Make yourself heard. Shall we?

Pick 'n' Shovel Poems

Apology

By REB. RANEY

You poor little things!—the babies of Labor,
brought into this misgoverned world, uninformed;
not aware that brutal forces claim your life;
not aware that you'll be used to stuff their purse.

You poor little things!—lovely as morning light,—
trusting,—ready to be taught humility; ready
to be taught to endure needless pain; ready to
be taught to take orders from wolves.

You poor little things!—sentenced to hardship's
wheel: sentenced to do nerve-racking, back-
breaking tasks; sentenced to serve corrupt,
merciless vultures; sentenced to give your all
and receive but dregs.

You poor little things! Time apologizes; and,
in the name of rule-to-be, promises: That
you'll become part of Labor's unchained hosts;
that you shall have the chance to live and be
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Hollywood

Academy Tries to Carry on

By JOHN R. CHAPLIN

HOLLYWOOD — The annual prizes of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science, each year more farcical than the year before, have come and gone once again. This year the really big names of the industry that attend the company union's blow-out could be counted on two hands.

And while several of the choicest found public favor, the choice of "The Great Ziegfeld" as the best production of the year, and of Academy Pres. Frank Capra as leading director, as well as a number of the minor prizes, bore out more than ever the completely politics-ridden caliber of the awards.

Luise Rainer finally consented to show up at the banquet, to receive her award. The next day, Metro gave her a new contract—and most people feel there was a definite connection between the two events.

The Snub

The awards banquet was peopled with as many outside notables as possible, in order to minimize the snub Hollywood's actors, writers and directors gave it. But the bright remarks of Victor McLaglen and such showed up the farce for what it was.

McLaglen proved he never should have gotten the prize last year, that his great performance in "The Informer" had been due to the direction of John Ford, not in the slightest to himself.

Carole Lombard and Clark Gable, who, by studio politics, had been maneuvered into the position of being academy mainstays, gave Fink Hall the cold shoulder on this year's awards; next year they'll probably attend the Screen Actors' Guild Ball.

Los Angeles local of the Newspaper Guild has decided that Hollywood correspondents are eligible for membership. This gives the means of bringing A. N. G. members, members of the SPANCS and of the Foreign Press Society, and unorganized writers, all together under one banner.

Flying Colors

James Basevi's miniature work in the shipwreck scene is only one of the highlights of "History is Made at Night," which, while by no means the outstanding film that it might have been, for the first time gives Charles Boyer a chance to show what he really can do. And he comes through with flying colors, as perhaps the finest and best-modulated actor on the screen today. David Abel has also overcome difficulties other cameramen have previously had in photographing him.

And now, having finally put through a fink writers' agreement by way of the stooge Screen Playwrights Inc., the producers are refusing to give the new pact preference over the old Academy contract. And the fink writers are learning to play the role of "them who get slapped."

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2 Weeks Remain To Complete the $12,000 Quota!

The drive for the Western, Daily and Sunday Worker now stands at $8410.91—only a trifle over 70 per cent of the $12,000 total which must be raised before the extended drive ends on April 1.

But only two weeks remain! Although five sections, including San Francisco, have raised their full quotas, 18 sections have not. Moreover, two of the most important, Los Angeles and Alameda Counties, are lagging so seriously that every available force must be directed toward changing the dangerous situation which their delay brings about.

Here are the figures since the general tabulation in last issue:

Previously acknowledged	**$8171.78**
Received 3-9 to 3-13	**239.13**
Yet to be raised	**3589.09**

In contrast to the shortcomings of Alameda and Los Angeles, there is Santa Barbara, long since past its quota. Another $2 in the last few days.

Los Angeles accounted for $125 since the last tabulation, but this is insignificant in the face of the $1756 yet to be raised on the $5000 quota. Only two weeks remain!

This story was written for last issue and omitted because of an accident which curtailed two pages.

The total now stands: Received to date, $8615.93, or 71.8 per cent. Yet to come, $3384.07, or 28.2 per cent.

A full tabulation and list of current contributions will be published in the next issue.

Some Good Work Proves That Others Are Slack

Some sections in L. A. could certainly profit by the example of others. Centinella Valley was long since over the top. Hollywood followed. And Harbor Section!

If Harbor Section, despite the strike, can go over the top on a $150 quota, what is holding back the others?

San Diego sent in $90.93, proceeds of a bazaar. However, this raises San Diego's standing to terey also sent in $5 and Fres- $335.78, or 83.9 per cent of its $400. Two weeks, $64.22, San Diego.

Since the last tabulation Monno $10.

Comrade Dolli G., of Bellflower, sent in $5 collected there without benefit of any unit to aid the work. Comrade G. has been one of the most faithful supporters of the Western Worker since its founding.

Letters: *From Readers of The Western Worker*

Latin American Join the C.P.

San Francisco,
(Translated)

Latin American Comrades:

The voice of necessity calls us to perform our duty. Necessities inspire us and a change in the political situation is indispensable.

Comrades, the Communist Party is the only party that is able to rectify the many injustices that our employers commit against the working class.

The party, comrades, offers us a chance to practice our belief with devotion. You are well able to improve the situation of the entire world and this is what I ask you to help. You are well able to help us in this manner. Enroll yourself in the Communist Party to obtain a free and prosperous America!

—FELIS.

"Go Left Young Man, Go Left"

Editor, Western Worker:

Artesia, Calif.

Enclosed is my letter to Byron N. Scott regarding the embargo resolution on Germany, Italy and Portugal:

"I am just reading that Congressman Bernard, you and Voorhis are sponsoring a resolution in Congress for arms embargo against Germany, Italy and Portugal.

"This naturally has my wholehearted approval, and I am glad you go that way, 'Go West, my boy, go West' is the old saying but now it is 'Go left, my boy, go left.'

"As for local news I should tell you that labor is getting rapidly unionized, and you can be assured of labor's support as long as you go left and need not flirt any more with McAdoo, Ham Cotton and whatever remains of the old school of so-called Democrats.

"After all, democracy doesn't mean a thing if it only means to the American people that they have an every two years privilege to vote for an extension of mass poverty.

"Yours, Harry Smits."

What the American Tradition Really Is

Phito, Mendocino County

Editor, Western Worker:

I am an old American, since "Mad Cap" Early from Virginia, a relation of my mother's people, fought for this country when it used a rattlesnake and a pine tree for a flag, with the words, "Don't tread on me."

All of my people were here at that time, so perhaps others were in it too.

So since I have had a tradition handed down of what Americanism really is, I get a great joke of such men as Hearst, who are out-and-out Tories and who would surely have been hung by the Americans who really first taught Americanism, or else banished to a land of bigotry and despotism.

yours respectfully,

F.M.

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A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Features

The Committee for Industrial Organization Tackles the California Clay Workers; Demands of Sacramento Building Trades; A Candidate With a Labor Platform; The San Francisco Street Carmen and Municipal Power Distribution; Setting Out to Organize Santa Clara County Canneries; OTHER LABOR NEWS ON REGULAR PAGES.

CIO Is Organizing L. A. Clay Workers

MINE AND MILL UNION MAKING FAST HEADWAY

Companies Raise Pay In Attempt To Head Off Campaign

LOS ANGELES — Under the leadership of the CIO International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union, organization of clay workers in Southern California is going ahead in leaps and bounds.

Already, four meetings have been held of the newly formed Southern California Clayworkers' Union with approximately 150 signed up for membership. So strong has the organizational drive become that two clay produce companies have granted pay increases in an effort to forestall the drive.

Where Workers Joined

Companies represented among the workers that have joined the union are the Pacific Clay Products Plants, 4 and 6; Hollywood Hills; Vernon Potteries; Gladding McBean; Tudor Potteries; Bauer Potteries; and Alhambra Kilns.

Members say that the meetings, which are held every Wednesday night, are enthusiastically attended with Mexican, Negro, and Italian, men and women workers present.

Headquarters of the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union is at 321 West Second Street.

Carmen Union For Municipal Power

SAN FRANCISCO — Street Carmen's Union Division 518 has gone on record favoring issuance of revenue bonds for municipal distribution of power.

The union requests that the Board of Supervisors resubmit in the November elections the amendment for such a bond issue. Called Amendment No. 1, it was defeated by a close vote on March 9.

Ventura Lemon Pickers Win

VENTURA. — The strike of 118 Ventura County lemon pickers, which lasted six days, ended with a victory.

Under the new agreement with the Fillmore Lemon Association the pickers now receive a minimum of 28 cents an hour for a 9-hour day, with 6 cents additional for all boxes picked.

Hold Up Marine Board Appointee

WASHINGTON. — A Senate sub-committee on commerce is holding up confirmation of Joseph B. Kennedy's appointment as head of the U.S. Maritime Commission.

The question of Kennedy's eligibility is raised on grounds that the new Roosevelt appointee holds a large block of stock in the Todd Shipbuilding Corp.

O'Connell Statement Hurts Strike of SF Garment Cutters

SAN FRANCISCO—Going out of his way to injure the strike of Local 45, United Garment Workers' Cutters, for a $42 wage scale, Secretary John O'Connell of the Central Labor Council publicly branded "false" a statement that the Council executive committee had endorsed the strike.

Three firms have stated their willingness to pay the $42 scale, the union local states.

Tintypes

Council Secretary

O'Regan's the name. John Francis O'Regan.

He's been secretary of our Labor Council so long that when they decided to install new furniture the moving men were about to move old John too.

They'd have done it too, if Ed Chandelier, who used to be our president, hadn't come along and stopped them.

When old John reads the communications, you doze off and dream about that blonde.

It'd be cruelty to take the communications away from John. He wouldn't know what to do if you did.

When he gets one about the Ladies Garment Workers giving a dance, he gets belligerent and tells the Council he can shake a leg along with the youngest of you fellows.

You young pups talking about old fogies! Why I was a labor official when you fellows still had your lips wet.

Old John got good and sore the other day. One of those young pups put in a motion to condemn the Governor because he said it was a good thing to arrest those sitdown strikers.

"Why, we've got a lot of favors to ask of the Governor," roared old John. "We'll never get 'em if we act like that."

He may be old, but there's plenty of life in the old dog yet.

If you don't believe it, you ought to hear him read a communication about civil service examinations for a cinder-remover down at City Hall.

What feeling! What meaning! What fire he gets into it!

But when there's a resolution to be read from "one of them waterfront unions."

——Well, old John doesn't like that.

San Jose Canners Are Going Places

SAN JOSE.—The last regular bi-monthly meeting of cannery workers' union members here brought out over 100 workers. Four such meetings have been held since granting of a charter.

Business Agent Lloyd Lehman reported on the State Federation's agricultural conference held recently in San Francisco. Lehman is on the executive committee which was elected by the conference.

Organizational committees have been elected for areas taking in Sunnyvale, Mountain View, Mayfield, Campbell, San Jose and Santa Clara.

Aim Trespass Act At Sit-Downers

SACRAMENTO—Speaking for the large ranchowners and not poor farmers Von T. Ellsworth, lobbyist for the California Farm Bureau, has asked for stricter tightening of the State Trespassing Act. The request is aimed at sit-down strikers.

A measure before the legislature, introduced by Assemblyman Call of San Mateo County would make it a misdemeanor to enter upon a person's property without consent of the owner.

The Call measure is aimed at sitdown strikers and at agricultural organizers who approach farm workers while they are in the fields.

A vigorous fight by labor against this measure is essential.

New Charters for Painters, Redondo

REDONDO BEACH. — New Painters Union charters have been installed here in Compton. The Redondo Beach charter takes in all the territory of Redondo, Hermosa and Manhattan Beaches.

Each of the new Painters locals begin with membership of more than 50 each.

BLDG. TRADE UNIONS SEEKING BOOST IN PAY

Include 6 - Hour Day Among Demands Being Sought

SACRAMENTO—A number of crafts in the building trades here have presented demands for new agreements and increases ranging from 5 to 25 per cent above existing scales.

Six-Hour Day

Under the new proposals plasterers and bricklayers are requesting $1.75 an hour for a six-hour day, with double time for overtime.

Present scale for these two crafts is $12 a day based on an eight-hour day, 40-hour week.

Painters also have submitted demands for a six-hour day at $1.50 an hour with double pay for overtime. The scale now is $8.80 per day for an eight-hour day, 40-hour week.

The present scales for the building trades were fixed under an agreement signed April 1, of last year. More than 50 crafts are represented in the agreement.

Boost in Pay For Sta. Clara Millmen

SAN JOSE.—A 50-cents per day wage increase goes into effect March 29 for journeymen cabinet makers, beach hands, millmen and all those engaged in operating woodworking machinery for the Pacific Manufacturing Co. of Santa Clara.

The raise is granted despite the fact that the present agreement runs until June 15. The workers affected are members of the Millmen's Union, Carpenters International.

Assembly Approves Bill on Conditions

SACRAMENTO — The Assembly "labor and capital committee has aproved AB 2100, introduced by Maloney and Williamson, a bill bringing laws and working conditions and labor regulations together into a general state code.

Pedro Tugboatmen Back with Gains

SAN PEDRO—Tugboat members of the Inland Boatmens' Union are back at work after a month old strike had won them a $150 monthly wage, 60-hour working week, and cash for overtime.

Tugboat masters have won a $245 scale and chief engineers $235. Work has now been resumed on the final segment of the San Pedro breakwater extension.

Building Crafts In Sacto. Get Offer of Compromise Wages

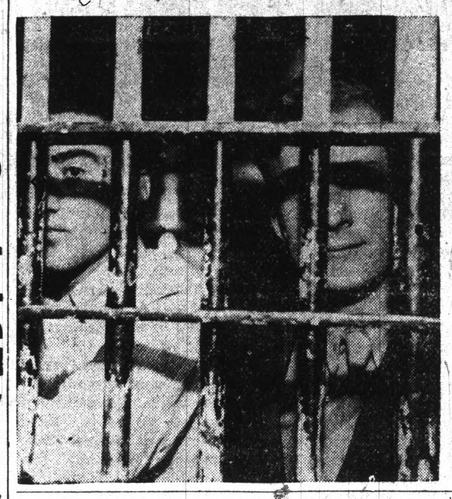
SACRAMENTO—A conference board of three has proposed a compromise 5% wage increase for all building trades crafts, in the new agreement starting April 1.

The Building Trades Council, Builders Exchange and Sacramento Master Builders compose the board. The unions have demanded 5 to 25% wage increases and a six-hour day.

RAPID PROGRESS

KEARNEY, N. J.—The Marine and Shipbuilding Workers' Union reports fast progress in organizing the 3500 employees of the Federal Shipbuilding Co., U. S. Steel subsidiary. 90 per cent are in the union now.

—Nor Iron Bars a Cell



"STONE WALLS do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cell." Not for long, anyway, as these two Fansteel Metallurgical strike leaders were concerned. Melvin Pitzele and Joseph Weber were jailed in Waukegan, Ill., for refusing to urge the sitdowners to evacuate the plant, but no sooner were they bailed out than they were back in leadership.

"Point of Order"

A TRADE UNION COLUMN

by Slim

Take the Guff Out of Guffey; Organized Labor and the Ship Labor Act; Dangers of the Act Exist For Every Trade Union Organization; The Labor Party, the CIO and the Fink Book; One Answer to the Agricultural Workers' Prayers.

"WE DON'T CARE whom the maritime unions chose as their representatives as long as they chose whom we want."

That's what the Guffey Ship Labor Bill says, in effect.

It talks about "free choice of representatives," and then goes on to stipulate that the unions can choose only native-born Americans.

The Ship Labor Act would take away marine labor's right to strike and picket, for it is merely another compulsory arbitration plan, so like the National Railway Labor Act that Siamese twins look like strangers in comparison.

Labor helped the maritime unions take the worst anti-labor stings out of the Copeland Act; organized labor is going to help the maritime unions whip the newest vicious attempt to crush the maritime unions.

Congressmen understand one kind of language. It's called mass pressure. That means resolutions, telegrams, adopted by unions and sent to the congressmen from the unions' districts, demanding that the congressmen vote against the Guffey Ship Labor Act.

Let the Ship Labor Act go through and the next thing is a Building Labor Act, a Metal Trades Labor Act, a Culinary Labor Act, and so on down the line.

And that, my friends, would in the long run mean no more unions.

That's why action now against the Guffey Ship Labor Act can save a lot of headaches later on.

Quick to support the fight for the amendments to the Copeland Act was the American Labor Party of New York. The Committee for Industrial Organization through John L. Lewis similarly blasted away at the fink book. The Democratic and Republican Parties either fought for the fink book or kept silent. William Green and the AFL Executive Council backed the fink book, along with Scharrenberg and Ivan Hunter.

Put all those facts together and you draw the same conclusion as we do.

EMPLOYEE: I've been around this plant for ten years, doing three men's work for one man's pay, and now I want a raise.

EMPLOYER: I can't give you that, but tell me the names of the other two men and I'll fire them.

The Field and Cannery Worker, published in San Jose, is out. It's a lulu. It's the paper agricultural and cannery workers have been hoping for many a long year.

And it deserves the support of every member and every section of organized labor in California. Its first issue, dated March, deals with the latest news and developments in agriculture, and deals with those vital matters in a concise way, packed with a punch.

Get your union to take bundles of it. It's published at 72 North Second Street, San Jose.

MESSENGER BOYS WIN

TOLEDO, Ohio. — Striking Western Union messenger boys here won a 25 per cent increase in wages. Postal Telegraph boys remain on strike.

LA Sitdown Ruling Shows Court Role

LOS ANGELES—Another barrier has been erected by reactionary courts of law to prevent labor from obtaining any betterment in its living standards with Superior Judge Wilson's ruling, to the effect that sitdown strikes are illegal and constitute "unlawful trespass."

The case in point was the hearing on a petition for an injunction restraining the 10 sitdown bakers at the Plecity Bakery from continuing a sitdown strike which had been filed by William Plecity, owner of the bakery.

"The employees do not own or claim to own any interest in the plaintiff's business, plant or machinery," the Judge said. "Not being upon the premises as owners, employees, or customers, nor with the consent, either expressed or implied, of the owner, but occupying the same against the owners' will and for the purpose of enforcing demands upon him, who formerly was their employer, they are trespassers."

Rule for ILA On Steam Schooners

LOS ANGELES—Despite opposition by the local Waterfront Employers Assn., Dr. Paul Dodd of UCLA, maritime labor relations arbitrator has ruled that steamschooner hatches and winches must be tended by members of the International Longshoremen's Assn.

Dodd also ruled that longshore gangs must be kept intact and not interspersed with ship crew members.

Senate Committee OK's New Sea Act

WASHINGTON — The Senate commerce committee has followed the House commerce committee in reporting favorably on the compromise in the Copeland Act.

Under the new plan, seamen would not have to accept the continuous discharge book, but instead could take a certificate containing merely indentification marks.

Alberti's Program For Labor in L. A.

DEFEND RIGHT TO STRIKE AND TO ORGANIZE

Also Defending Sit-Down Strikers' Rights

LOS ANGELES — With the Central Labor Council Joint Executive Board's recommendation endorsement and the support of liberal and progressive groups, the campaign for the election of Henry J. Alberti to the City Council in the 2nd District, is well under way with headquarters opened at 5540 Hollywood Boulevard.

Unequivocally dedicating himself to the defence of civil liberties and to the furtherance of the inherent rights of labor, professionals, and the small-business man, Alberti's program represents in the broadest sense the needs and demands of the people of Los Angeles.

"I stand for the defence of civil liberties," he declared, in an interview with a Western Worker correspondent, "especially for minority political groups—guaranteeing absolute freedom of speech."

"I recognize the right of labor to strike, picket and bargain collectively."

"I will fight for the repeal of anti-picketing laws," he added.

Other things for which Alberti stands include the "fostering of public works at union wages to relieve unemployment," the "building of recreational centers," the "provision of adequate hospitalisation at cost."

In reference to recreational centers, Alberti declared "it is significant that in a district where more than 150,000 people live, there is only one small park —that on De Longpre Avenue."

Commenting on the existing hospitals, he said: "There are so many of these so-called 'nonprofit,' 'tax-exempt,' institutions. But they charge you $5 to share a room, charge extra for all accessories, and if you want to use the operating room, it costs you $100 per hour."

On Sit-Down Strkie

Asked for a statement on the Douglas sit-down strike, Alberti stated: "I am a delegate to the Central Labor Council and I believe that the unity of the workers should be defended at all costs. With the majority of the Council delegates, my sympathies were wholly with the strikers at Dougles."

Vigorously condemning the vicious Criminal Syndicalism law, he said: "It is often said that a Councilman has no province in the State government. However, I do believe that the City Council could go on record against the Criminal Syndicalism law."

"If I have a voice in the Council I shall surely propose that the Council go on record for the repeal of that law."

Questioned on his attitude toward the fight for democracy in Spain, he declared: "Along with all the hundreds of thousands of progressive, democracy-loving people in the United States, I am completely in sympathy with the Spanish loyalist government."

By profession a cellist, Alberti has long been an active member of the Musicians' Union, local 47. In his union, he has always actively fought for thorough unity between the musicians and other workers.

The list of the persons and organizations endorsing Alberti include the Joint Executive Board of the Central Labor Council, the Coordinating Committee, the Continuations Committee of Southern California, the End Poverty League, Doctor E. P. Ryland, the Workers' Alliance, Doctor Frederick Conliffe, Assemblyman Jack Tenny; the International Workers' Order; the Pharmacists' Union, local 840; J. W. Gillette, of the Musicians' Union; Emil Freed, Doctor Floyd Seaman, Oliver Thornton, the Youth Federation for United Political Action, Leo Gallagher, Doctor Ralph Peters, the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists, and Technicians; R. N. Schindler, the Utopia Society, and Rube Burroughs of the Municipal League.

Business Agent Bob Says - - -

Once there was a man, who was lugging home a pay envelope, the result of lots of hard work.

Some hijackers lay in wait for him. But when they came to grab the pay envelope, they began to scrap among themselves. Each hijacker wanted the entire pay envelope for himself.

That's what's happened with the AFL executive council's "large scale plans" for an organizing drive in the territories in which the CIO has had such great success. The craft officials have already begun scrapping over jurisdictional rights, over workers whom the CIO counts as loyal followers.

The Executive Council's 50 organizers had been mobilized for "big things"; but John P. Frey, president of the metal trades department, flashed the stoplight of craft claims.

Pacific Electric Shopmen on 5 Days

LOS ANGELES — Shop craft employes of the Pacific Electric Railway returned to a five-day work week basis March 1, after having been on a part time schedule for the last seven years.

About 700 members of the various A. F. of L. shop craft organizations are affected by the change, which was negotiated with the management by a union committee.

Probe of Salinas Blacklist, Terror

SALINAS—In this city, on March 29, an accounting will be demanded of the Growers-Shippers Assn. of the Salinas Valley. On that date, the National Labor Relations Board will begin hearings of vicious anti-labor practices, which took place during last fall's lettuce strike and have continued since the strike.

Charges against the lettuce growers and shippers include: Unlawful searches and seizures; use of secret headquarters from which a reign of terror was directed; unnecessary use of teargas and nauseating gas; tear gas bombing of the Labor Temple; use of deputized vigilantes.

Twenty-nine concerns and individuals are named in the complaint. A special trial examiner from Washington will in all likelihood help conduct the hearings.

Among those named in the complaint are the Associated Farmers of Monterey County; the Salinas Valley Citizens Assn.; the Western Growers' Protective Assn.; law enforcement officers of the cities of Salinas, and Watsonville, of Monterery, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties, and of the state of California.

The complaint is signed by E. S. Neal, who is acting regional director of the Labor Relations Board.

The charges were filed by the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union. Other charges are restraint of trade, through the growers' pressure on the Tracy-Waldron Fruit Co., which desired to sign an agreement with the union and was forced out of business, and extensive blacklisting after the strike.

SF Legion Talks of Anti-Strike Plan

SAN FRANCISCO — Proposed "test drills" for "disasters" were discussed at a meeting of the American Legion District Relief Conference here.

Masquerading as preparedness for natural disasters, the "disaster" plans of the Legion have long been known to be aimed at rapid mobilization against unions in strikes.

C.I.O. DRIVE ON GOLD MINES IN CAL. ENDORSED

Grass Valley Terror Campaign by Bosses Is Condemned

A strong protest against the vigilantes up in Nevada County and an endorsement of the CIO drive to organize the gold miners in that county is contained in the resolution here printed, which has been adopted by the Labor Councils in San Francisco, Oakland and Sacramento, among others. Other Councils and locals are urged to adopt it. The resolution follows:

WHEREAS: The action of vigilante committees is well known to the labor movement, and the desire to stop such action is universal, and

WHEREAS: At present, bills are being introduced in the legislature of this state prohibiting just such actions, and

WHEREAS: Duly appointed organizers of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers were sent into the Grass Valley and Nevada City mining district at the request of men working there for the purpose of helping them to secure the benefits of collective bargaining, and

Midnight Meeting

WHEREAS: A so-called Citizens' Committee immediately called a secret meeting at midnight, even getting people out of bed to attend the meeting, and which was for the sole purpose of preparing a program of vicious anti-labor activity to prevent the workers there from organizing, and

WHEREAS: This so-called Citizen's Committee is obviously trying to stir up hatred and animosity against labor, and harass and hinder their voluntary organization into a union of their own choice; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That this body go on record as deploring the activities of the so-called Citizens' Committee and their fascist anti-labor program; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we unanimously endorse and approve the work and efforts of the organizers to unite the workers in the Grass Valley and Nevada City district into a powerful union of their own choice and free will; and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to every union affiliated with this labor body with the request that they adopt similar resolutions; and that copies of this resolution be sent to the authorities and police of the Grass Valley and Nevada City district with the demand that they immediately take steps to prevent the Citizens' Committee and all other fascist groups from interfering with the organization of workers in said district; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Central Labor Councils and the press.

REVEAL E. COAST SEA BLACKLIST

Companies Working With Repudiated Officials

NEW YORK.—Officials of the International Mercantile Marine Corp. and other lines have admitted blacklisting many of those active in the recent East Coast rank and file seamen's strike.

They are making possession of the International Seamen's Union card bearing Ivan Hunter's signature a requirement in obtaining employment.

Hunter and other ISU reactionary officials have been repudiated by the membership, who in most ISU units on the East Coast have elected new officials.

The Regional Labor Board has taken no action as yet.